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St. Louis

FILE NO. 7-45

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-7, 13-36	REPORT MADE BY F. L. WARD
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER-VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Lucille Farris Lett's present whereabouts not known to relatives who did not know she was married. Lucille F. Lett seen on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas by George Holt a resident and brother of Parilee Farris during April, 1936. Relatives do not know Milton Lett. List of relatives of Lucille F. Lett set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John B. Little, Oklahoma City, Okla. dated 4-24-36.			
DETAILS: <u>AT MEADVILLE, MISSOURI</u>			
<p>Agent interviewed Mrs. Bernice Elliston who stated she had not heard from her niece Lucille Farris (not Ferris) since she left Meadville, Missouri with her mother Constance and her brother Lyle for Coffeyville, Kansas two years ago. She did not know if Lucille Farris was married and had no information whatever concerning the niece. Bernice Elliston stated the members of her family are as follows:</p> <p>Andrew Farris - father, residence Wheeling, Missouri Andrew Farris' daughters:-- Bernice Elliston - husband, Elmer, residence Meadville, Missouri Hazel Hopper - husband, John, residence Kansas City, Kansas (419 N. 7th St.) Addie Murrain - husband, Ben, residence Carrollton, Missouri.</p>			
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Andrew Farris' sons:--

Clarence Farris-wife, Irma, residence Wheeling, Missouri.
Vern Farris, single, residence 419 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Missouri.
Oren Farris, single, residence Gale St., Chillicothe, Missouri.
Lon Farris - wife, Constance, mother and father of Lucille. (Constance with Lucille and Lyle her children, supposed to be living in Coffeyville, Kansas. Whereabouts of Lon unknown).

Lon Farris married Constance Campbell of Sumner, Missouri January 1, 1917; of this marriage there are two children Lucille now approximately 18 years of age and Lyle now approximately 15 years of age. The parents of Constance are deceased and she has one sister Eva Hooper, approximately 55 years of age and the last known address of Eva Hooper was St. Joseph, Missouri where she lived two years ago with her husband, name unknown, who worked for the railroad, branch unknown.

Bernice Elliston stated she saw Vern Farris and Addie Murrain last Decoration Day and they did not know whether Lucille was married and they did not hear from Constance. On July 4th, Bernice saw Hazel Hopper, Oren Farris and Clarence Farris and they did not know that Lucille was married and they had not heard from Constance. The conversation among the brothers and sisters centered around Lon whom they had not heard from since he left Constance and the children in Meadville, Missouri two years ago. Constance does not communicate with members of the family and has not visited them since she left Meadville, Missouri. Bernice Elliston stated the movements of Lon and Constance since their marriage were as follows:--Married January 1, 1917 and stayed five years at Sumner, Missouri; moved to Meadville, Missouri and operated a restaurant for two years; moved to Chillicothe, Missouri and lived on a farm for three years; moved to Tina, Missouri and lived on a farm for five years; moved to Edina, Missouri and operated a feed business for two years; moved to Fountain Grove, Missouri and lived on a farm for one year; moved to Brockfield, Missouri and lived in town operating a trucking business for one summer; moved to Meadville, Missouri where Lon left Constance and the children and that is the last the Farris family has heard of Lon and of Constance and her children as she moved to Coffeyville, Kansas. Bernice Elliston stated that the members of her family did not have any photograph of Lucille as the only photograph she remembers of Lucille was taken when Lucille was a baby.

AT WHEELING, MISSOURI

Agent interviewed Clarence and Irma Farris and the father of Clarence, Andrew Farris, who resides with them, and was informed that they had not heard from Constance Farris, the wife of Lon Farris, since

she left Meadville, Missouri. They did not know that Lucille Farris was married and stated that the family did not communicate with one another. During their recent visit at Bernice Elliston's home, Meadville, Missouri, the brothers and sisters spoke about Lon and Constance and no one had heard from them and they believed Constance and the children were living at Coffeyville, Kansas, but they did not know where Lon Farris was. Irma Farris stated that P. Farris, great grandmother of Lucille (Andrew Farris' mother) had received a letter from her brother George Holt, Coffeyville, Kansas in April, 1936 stating that he had seen Lucille and Lyle Farris on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas but did not speak to them then. P. Farris is living at Brookfield, Missouri.

Investigation was conducted at Wheeling, Missouri by reporting agent as it was within a point of five miles of Meadville, Missouri where investigation from the St. Louis Office was started and although Wheeling, Missouri lies within the Kansas City, Missouri office district, it was deemed expedient to cover same at this time and furnish the Kansas City, Missouri office with a copy of this report.

AT BROOKFIELD, MISSOURI

Investigation at Brookfield, Missouri disclosed that Parilee Farris, widow, mother of Andrew Farris, resides at 224 West Sedgwick Street and at the present time was visiting a son, John Farris at St. Catherine, Missouri. Parilee Farris is 89 years of age and is receiving an old age pension from the State of Missouri.

AT ST. CATHERINE, MISSOURI

At the home of John and Lillie Farris, agent interviewed Parilee Farris who stated that she never heard from Lon Farris' wife Constance or their children and it was two years since she saw them. Parilee Farris' brother George Holt, 801 Minnesota St., Coffeyville, Kansas wrote her in April last about seeing Lucille and Lyle Farris on the streets in Coffeyville, Kansas but did not mention that Lucille Farris was married. The last letter George Holt sent was in June, 1936 at which time he did not mention anything about Constance Farris or the children. P. Farris stated that she would write her brother George Holt and inquire regarding Lucille Farris. Upon receipt of any information concerning Lucille Farris and her present whereabouts, P. Farris will forward this information to the St. Louis Bureau Office. A self-addressed franked envelope was left with Parilee Farris for this purpose.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Coffeyville, Kansas will interview George Holt, 801 Minnesota Street for information he may have concerning Lucille Farris Lett, wife of Milton Lett. George Holt communicates with his sister Parilee Farris, Brookfield, Missouri, a great grandmother

of Lucille Farris Lett and in his letter of April, 1936 he mentioned seeing Lucille and Lyle Farris on the streets of Coffeyville, Kansas. The present whereabouts of Lucille Farris Lett is desired in an effort to locate Milton Lett. No additional information is being set forth regarding this lead as the Kansas City Office has received copy of the report of reference.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: **BRAND**

July 23, 1936.

Number: **7-576-12368**

Specimens:

One .32 caliber Harrington and Richardson gun.

Examination requested by:

Philadelphia

Date received:

July 16, 1936

Examination requested:

Ballistic - Bring out obliterated numbers

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Q. Tamm

The above-designated gun which is listed as it appeared in your letter, being a .32 caliber Harrington and Richardson gun, has been examined in the Bureau's Technical Laboratory and it has been found to be a "C. H." revolver probably of Spanish manufacture. The original serial number is believed to be "e 11".

Test specimens have been taken in the above gun and they are at present being compared with specimens of such type on file in the Bureau's Technical Laboratory and upon completion of this examination you will be advised as to the results.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 16, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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J. P. MAC FARLAND
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RE BREKID REPORT OF AGENT GS COSHORN JACKSONVILLE DATED JUNE
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

MEM:LL
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July 20, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: BREXID

Agents working in Toledo, Ohio, have been interviewing all of the persons who were in any way associated with the Casino during the summer of 1934, when members of the Karpis-Barker gang were frequenting that rendezvous. Information thus far obtained indicates that there was a close friendship between members of this gang and Ted Angus. None of the persons thus far interviewed have indicated that anyone at the Casino Club had any positive knowledge as to the true identity of these individuals. It is strongly indicated, however, that members of the Karpis-Barker gang were brought to the Casino Club by William J. Harrison, who, many years earlier, had been interested in a saloon with Ted Angus in Hammond, Indiana.

Information obtained also indicates that George Tisney, formerly in charge of the Vice Squad of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, visited the Casino Club on numerous occasions when members of the Karpis-Barker gang were there. Tisney was very friendly with Willie Harrison and on one occasion Tisney and Ted Angus concocted a scheme by which some of Tisney's men would go to the Algon Hotel in Toledo and arrest Willie Harrison, who was at that hotel with Wynona Burdette and Edna Murray. This was during February or March, 1934, shortly after the ransom money had been paid.

Mrs. Edith Marks is the widow of one Chat Marks, an underworld character in Toledo, Ohio, who was killed in gangland fashion on August 9, 1931. Chat Marks was interested in a billiard room and also a dance pavilion. Likewise, he was interested in the Green Mill Night Club, and later took over certain gambling concessions in Toledo and vicinity. After the death of Marks, and in March, 1932, Tisney moved

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into the home of Edith Marks at 2650 Broadway, Toledo, and lived with her until only recently. They have now separated and there appears to be a certain amount of enmity existing between them. Mrs. Marks informed that not long ago Timiney called her and asked her if she had been questioned by Federal Agents, at which time she advised him that she had been questioned by them, but, in fact, she had not, up to that moment, been questioned by Special Agents. She stated that Timiney asked her if she had told anything and she told him she had furnished no information. When asked why she told Timiney that she had talked with Agents, Mrs. Marks stated that she just wanted to worry him. She likewise advised that at the time of the capture of Alvin Karpis, Timiney had called on her, at which time she inquired as to why he was so worried and further asked him if he were afraid of the G-Men, to which Timiney replied that he had nothing to worry about.

Mrs. Marks has further admitted that on numerous occasions she and Timiney attended the Casino operated by Ted Angus. She has cited instances in which it was shown that Timiney was very friendly and well acquainted with Willie Harrison. Timiney she alleged was likewise very friendly with Ted and Bert Angus. Mrs. Marks has identified numerous members of the Karpis-Barker gang as having been in attendance at the Casino Club during the times she and Timiney visited the same. Mrs. Marks has alleged that Addison Q. Thatcher, formerly Mayor of Toledo and now City Councilman in Toledo, was a personal friend of George Timiney and was Timiney's backer in the Police Department. She further alleged that Ted Angus was the pay-off man at the time Thatcher was Mayor, and it is her understanding that this arrangement commenced during the incumbency of Mayor Jackson. She alleges that during 1932 and 1933 on occasions when she visited the Casino, several times she observed women come into the Club to talk to Ted Angus. She alleged that these women were operating houses of prostitution. She further stated that Timiney has always been a free spender and has expended sums of money considerably in excess of his salary; that she would estimate that he had spent sums ranging from \$10.00 to \$15.00 a day.

Memorandum for
the Director

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July 20, 1936

You will recall that Wynona Burdette was confined in the St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo on two occasions during the summer of 1934. Investigation has disclosed that after the gang was "flushed" out of Toledo, Ohio, on September 5, 1934, there was an unpaid balance at the said hospital of \$300.00. Inquiry has now been made of Ruth Wells, the former paramour of Ted Angus. Ruth Wells commenced living with Ted Angus about Thanksgiving Day 1931 and because of differences left him about June 1, 1936. She has informed that neither she nor Ted Angus knew the identity of the gang until the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Gladys Sawyer and Paula Harmon in Toledo, Ohio, on September 5, 1934. She has alleged that she discussed this matter with Ted Angus and that they were both surprised upon learning the identity of the gang. She recalled, however, that some time after September 5, 1934, Ted Angus gave her \$100.00, telling her that on the night previous Harry Campbell had given him the money to be paid to Dr. Douglass who attended Wynona Burdette. Accordingly, Ruth Wells actually paid this money to Dr. Douglass. Examination of the records of the hospital discloses that Ruth Wells actually paid \$200.00 on account on October 12, 1934. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that Harry Campbell appeared at Ted Angus' place between the dates September 5, and October 12, 1934, and that Ted Angus received this money from Campbell with knowledge of his fugitive character.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland

FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 7/21/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/14, 20/36	REPORT MADE BY C. E. SMITH EJB
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. Eliot Ness furnished names of matrons on duty at Cleveland City Jail, 9/5/34, together with names and addresses of women in jail during that time. Deputy Inspector Frank Story advises Detective Joe Jacobs (now deceased) is officer who called Harvard Club at time women were in jail. Also advises he is obtaining information to effect a police officer contacted representative of Harvard Club on 9/6/34 at which time police officer was advised of identity of women. Edward Stanton, 606 Terminal Tower Building, probably attorney who contacted Gladys Sawyer, rather than a man by name of Scott. Ass't County Prosecutor Charles McNamee, advises article in newspaper relative to Karpis' presence at Harvard Club, 1/10/36, only a rumor. Frank W. Smith, joint incorporator with Hebebrand and Patton, probably deputy county treasurer; Gordon Gray advises Hebebrand once pleaded guilty to manslaughter, later permitted to withdraw plea, and later discharged by jury. Detective Norman Kandell advises Seaman and Gilmore, be in Toledo, O. Dolly Rogers not located Akron, Ohio.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, 7/14/36; letter from Cincinnati office dated 7/6/36; Bureau letter dated 7/5/36; Bureau letter dated 7/1/36; report of Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., Omaha, Nebraska, dated 6/30/36; letter from Cleveland office to Cincinnati office dated 6/22/36.

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DETAILS: This is a joint report of Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and Clyde E. Smith.

Mr. Eliot Ness, Director of Public Safety was interviewed relative to the police matron on duty in the city jail on September 5, 1934, during the time Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon were incarcerated in the Cleveland City Jail, and he furnished Agents with a report dated June 24, 1936, which was submitted by Emma S. Schuller, Sergeant, Women's Bureau, Cleveland Police Department, to George J. Matowitz, Chief of Police. The report sets forth in chronological order the activities of the various police officials who conducted any investigation relative to Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon, as well as the names and addresses of the women arrested and in jail at the time the above named women were taken into custody. Following is the memorandum:

On September 5, 1934 at 6:15 PM Gladys Sawyer, Ethel Matterson and Wynona Walcott were admitted to Central Station by Matron Mollie Bartelheim, who was working from 3-11 PM. Women held for investigation. Ruth Ross admitted at 7:25 PM charge Intox - Rel.

Matron Barbara Marsicek on duty from 11 PM to 7 AM, admitted:

Alice Lee (col.) ORIP 2287 E. 97th - 1916 Scovill
Marjorie Williamson (col) Viol liquor law

September 6, 1934 Matron Alice Weber on duty from 7 AM to 3 PM

Julia Brown (W) from workhouse
Mary Davis (W) from county jail 5616 Hough - 1877 E. 59 - 1717 E 55 #6
Wilma Lepelly (W) Intox - Rel. 28 W. Glendale Ave., Bedford, O.

Matron Molly Bartelheim from 3 - 11 PM

Rose Reynolds (W) Intoxi - Rel 2328 Rockwell
Dorothy Stallworthy (Col) Petit larceny 3769 Woodland
Onida Gamble (col) Viol liquor law 3408 Cedar
Vera Wald (W) Invest 1854 E. 19th St - 2049 E 77th
Maxine Ames (W) Invest 1962 E 79th Street - 3715 Prospect

September 6, 1934 Matron on duty 11 to 7 AM Barbara Marsicek

Ruth Parker (W) Invest 3715 Prospect
Doris Gray (W) Invest 1854 E. 19th #10
Dorothy Dean (W) Invest 1854 E. 19th - 1830 E 19th
Dorothy

Clara Marian (W) Intox - Rel.

2047 W 87th

On September 7, 1934 the three women in question were charged with being Suspicious Persons - bond \$5,000.

September 7, 1934 Matron on duty Grace Lynch from 7 AM to 3 PM

Florence Gerhardt (W) Obt. Goods by False Pretense	743 E. 128th
Christian Thomas (Col) Invest	2369 E. 40th
Josephine House (Col) Invest	2369 E. 40th

September 7, 1934 Matron on duty Molly Bartelheim from 3-11 PM

Antoinette Mora (W) Invest	2127 E. 100th
Christine Ross (W) Intox	1435 E. 12th
Estelle Clinton (Col) Assault and battery	2314 E. 55th

September 7, 1934 Matron on duty Alice Weber from 11 PM to 7 AM

Molly Conley (W) Invest	1795 E. 19th
Ruth Carson (W) Invest	2033 E. 77th - 1864 E. 82
Wilma Hyatt (W) Invest	2052 E. 90th
Irene Brenner (W) Invest	1850 E. 85th - 4806 Euclid
Dorothy Lewis (W) Invest	8014 Carnegie - 2043 E. 77th
Anna Morton (W) Invest	1854 E. 19th - 1404 Prospect
Bernice Lee (W) Invest	1854 E. 19th
Eleanor Benntry (W) Intox - Rel	1547 W. 28th

On September 8, 1934 three women in question were turned over to Federal authorities and their case in police court was nolle.

The following is Women's Bureau record on Ethel Matterson, alias Paula, alias Marion Bradford, alias Ethel Marsh, 30, 10515 Parkhurst Avenue, also 4419 W. 171st Street., Wynona Wolcott, 22, 2831 - 131st St., Toledo, Ohio, also 4419 W. 171st Street., Gladys Sawyer, 38, Dayton Bluff Sta., St. Paul, Minn., also 4419 W. 171st St.
9-5-34 (Mildred Wilcox)

Received call from Hotel Cleveland requesting that three intoxicated women who had a child with them be removed from their Grill Room.

At Hotel. Interviewed manager, who reported that women had paid their bill but had done considerable damage in the Grill Room and were in such an intoxicated condition that the management did not feel women should have child with them.

At Hotel. Attempted to question women who were too intoxicated to answer coherently; women became abusive and attempted to get away. Called for assistance. With officer in district and two traffic men brought women to Central Station for investigation. Detective Bureau notified.

9-6-34 (C. Heidinger)

Questioned all three women, who told conflicting stories as to why they came downtown. Wynona said that they were shopping in the various stores downtown for a hat for herself. Mrs. Sawyer said that she had purchased a suit at Halle Bros., and Mrs. Matterson drove her downtown to get the suit. Mrs. Matterson said they drove downtown to get a dress for Mrs. Sawyer's little girl. They all agreed that they stopped at the Hotel Cleveland for high balls before shopping.

Interviewed Wynona Walcott who said that she has been separated from her husband for the past two months and about a week ago came to Cleveland. She went to the home of Ethel Matterson and has been staying with her. Wynona said that it was she that had the knife and that she threw it when she heard the officers coming. She also stated that she met Ethel in Toledo about six months ago.

Questioned Gladys who said that she had been in Cleveland for about a month and that she came here from St. Paul, Minn. She knew nothing about the knife or how it was thrown away. She said that after mixing her drinks she became so intoxicated that she did not know what she was doing. She said that she was staying with Ethel and that she met Ethel in St. Paul in 1929 and they have kept up a correspondence since then.

Interviewed Ethel Matterson who said she met Wynona Walcott and Gladys Sawyer downtown and went into the Cleveland Hotel where she bought them some drinks. Questioned as to whether the other two women were staying with her, she was emphatic in her denial. Also questioned Ethel where she had met Wynona and Gladys and she said she met them in a gambling place in Cleveland just recently. She denied that she had ever been in St. Paul and though she said she had been in Toledo several times, she did not meet Wynona there. Questioned her about the knife and she denied that she saw it and said that she never owned one.

Again questioned Wynona about the knife and told her that Ethel denied giving it to her and then she said she fished it out of a five cent machine. When told that Ethel said she did not stay with her Wynona said she only arrived in Cleveland yesterday and went to Ethel's home.

All three women changed their stories considerably and seemed to be covering up each other. At the Detention Home interviewed Francine Sawyer, age 5 years. Child said that she has been staying with her mother at the home of a lady named Paula. Brought child to Central Station where she identified Ethel Matterson as Paula.

At Juvenile Court re: above case but Miss Lucht felt there was not sufficient evidence to file on the mother, and also said as long as the child is not a resident of Cleveland, the entire case should be heard in police court.

9-7-34 (C. Heidinger)

Again at Juvenile Court, Miss Lucht filed on Francine as a dependent.
No action taken against child's mother.

Received telegram from Children's Bureau in Minnesota, requesting that we refer the case to Children's Bureau in Cleveland.

Contacted C. B. (Miss Sawhill) who said that inasmuch as W. B. had filed on girl they will not come into case unless requested by Juvenile Ct. to do so. At Juvenile Ct. and talked to Judge Eastman, who felt that it would not be necessary for C. B. to come into case.

9-8-34 (C. Heidinger)

Received second communication from Minn. stating that Francine's correct name is Faughnan, and giving the child's parents' names. Called Juvenile Ct. and gave them that information. Mr. Wachtell of Juvenile Ct. requested that I make out a new affidavit, giving the child's correct name, etc.

9-10-34 (C. Heidinger)

At Juvenile Ct. filed new affidavit. No date for the hearing set, as child is to be returned to Minnesota Children's Bureau, directly, who will accept the responsibility for her. Conferred with Inspector Cody of the Detective Bureau re the disposition of the cases of the three women. Learned that S. P. warrants had been issued against the women and bond set at \$5,000.

Inspector Peters of the Dept. of Justice called and said that they are interested in this case, as one of the women was from St. Paul, it was presumed that she might be one of the Dillinger gang. Also learned that the photo of man believed to be Mr. Matterson, was positively identified as one of the Bremer kidnapers of St. Paul and known on the police records as Fred Barker. He is also wanted for the killing of the Sheriff at Lima, Ohio.

The S. P. charge in P. C. was nolle and the women turned over to the Federal Agents, who will continue on the case.

9-26-34 (C. Piotrowski)

Ethel Marsh, alias Matterson was brought to City Hospital after being treated at Lakeside Hospital, into which place she walked. Detectives wanted her for further questioning, so transferred her to city hospital and at city hospital refused to accept her, assisted in transferring her to county jail, Probate Ward, and detectives were to file on her in Probate Court.

9-27-34 (C. Piotrowski)

Ethel filed on in Probate Court and sent to city hospital for observation.

9-27-34 (C.L.H.O.)

Received call from Mrs. Gaehr of the YWCA that a woman by name of Ethel Harmon was at YWCA and acting in peculiar manner.

Called at the YWCA and interviewed the woman who was Ethel Matterson. She said that she returned from Chicago this morning to get her clothing and furniture that she has in her apartment on W. 171st Street. Mr. Peters, Federal Agent has her keys. Mrs. Gaehr of the YWCA called Mr. Peters (before calling W.B.) and while I was there he returned the call and said that he would follow on the case.

No further action as Federal Agents are handling the case.

9-28-34 (E. Harwood)

Learned that Ethel was taken to Women's Hospital and then transferred to Lakeside. Later police were called and Ethel was transferred to county jail. Charge - Insanity.

On 9-30-34 she was probated by Detective Bureau and sent to City Hospital
10-2-34 (E. Harwood) with Inspector Cody,
Went to City Hospital/and questioned Ethel, whose real name is Paula Harmon,
and she comes from Texas.

She was married at the age of 17 to Harry Woods whom she divorced. Later she married a man named Harmon who was shot and killed in a stickup. She then drifted to Minnesota, where she became acquainted with Fred Barker, alias Doc, alias Henry Matterson, a notorious criminal. They came to Cleveland, Ohio, where they established a home.

Regardless of our constant questioning regarding their activities since their arrival in Cleveland, Paula refused to give us any information. She did state, however, that Harry Barker, Fred's brother, Harry Campbell, and Alvin Karpis, all criminals from other states, but whom, as far as we know, have not committed any depredations in Cleveland, were frequent visitors in her home here.

10-5-34 (E. Harwood)

At City Hospital but Paula would give no additional information, stating that she could not remember.

10-8-34 (E. Harwood)

With Captain Story and Inspector Cody at City Hospital to question Paula. She stated that she had nothing to say as she felt that she would be in trouble regardless of what she said or did. When we left, Inspector Cody said that it was useless to go back again as he felt Paula would not tell us anything.

11-12-34 (E. Harwood)

Called City Hospital and learned that Paula was released by Probate Court to her attorney.

This report is being retained in the files of the Cleveland Bureau office.

It will be noted that Ruth Ross was also admitted at 7:25 P. M. on September 5, 1934, on a charge of intoxication, and later released. No address appears for Ruth Ross, and inasmuch as Mr. Ness had previously advised Agent that he had heard a rumor that one of the women had given a prostitute a diamond bracelet upon her release, Mr. Ness will again be contacted in order to secure the address of Ruth Ross and the names and addresses of all women who were in jail prior to 8:15 P. M. on September 5, 1934.

Deputy Inspector Frank Story, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, in charge of the third and fifth precincts, with headquarters at the fifth precinct station, corner of 79th Street and Woodland Avenues, stated that about 5:30 o'clock on the evening of September 5, 1934, as he was about to leave the central police station in company with Inspector Cody, a man from Florian Avenue, this city, came in, said he was a private detective having something to do with The May Company, and that he suspected certain occupants of a west side residence of being members of the Dillinger gang. This man was sent to George Koestle, Superintendent of Identification, to look at photographs of known members of this gang, and other gangsters. Inspector Story related that a little later the Cleveland Hotel called police headquarters and reported that three women were creating a disturbance at said hotel and that a police-woman and some traffic officers brought these women to headquarters. It later developed that these women were Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon.

It is noted that the May Company detective is Archie S. Allen, 10515 Parkhurst Avenue, who was interviewed by Agents, as set forth in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, December 20, 1935.

Cleveland Ohio P. D.

Agents questioned the Inspector relative to the tip off that these women were in custody and he related that he had learned that Detective Joe Jacobs, now deceased, had called some one at the Harvard Club on the telephone and advised that these women were in jail, but he did not know to whom Jacobs talked at the Harvard Club. He stated that as he recollected, one of these women mentioned something about knowing someone at the Harvard Club; that her husband worked there, or had a slip of paper in her possession with the name of the Harvard Club written thereon. At this point the inspector was asked relative to the piece of jewelry that is alleged to have passed from one of these women to an officer and he stated that he had heard the rumor that a diamond bracelet was given by one of these women to someone, but he has been unable to run down the rumor and knows nothing definite about it.

The following morning Attorney Edward Stanton, former county prosecutor, appeared at the jail and advised that he represented these women, but refused to state who employed him, or how he learned the women were in jail.

Inspector Story stated that he has since learned that the day following the arrest of these women a telephone call came to police headquarters for a certain police officer, who was requested to meet a contact man at Franklin Circle (West 14th and Stark Ave.), which meeting was had and at which time and place this officer was advised of the identities of the women and their associates, at which time the officer was warned to lay off that they were "bad paper." The Inspector said he feels sure he knows the identity of this police officer, but does not know the identity of the person who called, but that the call came from the Harvard Club. Agents requested the name of this police officer, but Inspector Story said he would rather not divulge the name at the present time, saying he would contact this officer and endeavor to get him to tell his story to Agents, or come in and lay his cards on the table, as the Inspector put it. Agents will again contact the Inspector after he has had time to contact this other officer.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 1, 1936, file #7-576, wherein it calls attention to the report of Special Agent R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., dated at Omaha, Nebraska, June 24, 1936, which reflects on page six, that Gladys Sawyer states she was visited by an attorney whose name she believes to have been Scott, who is likewise believed to be a former city prosecutor in Cleveland, Ohio, with offices on the sixth floor of the Terminal Tower.

It will be here noted that Edward Stanton, former county prosecutor with offices at 606 Terminal Tower Building, did, according to Deputy Inspector Frank Story, contact Gladys Sawyer at the city jail, for the purpose of representing her, however, Inspector Story, whose interview is set forth in more detail in the report, stated he had no knowledge as to who retained Stanton for the woman. Gladys Sawyer is undoubtedly referring to Stanton, rather than Scott. Agent was unable to locate any attorney by the name of Scott, who has offices on the sixth floor of the Terminal Tower Building.

Charles J. McNamée, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed at his office relative to an item in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of July 16, 1936, to the effect that "Alvin Karpis may have been behind one of the machine guns that menaced county prosecutors on January 10, 1936, when they raided Shimmy Patton's Harvard Club," and he stated that this article was based upon rumors and he did not know the origin of the rumor. He said he had no information that the Karpis mob was there at the time but he heard they had been at this place on various occasions.

He stated that on the evening of the day of the raid he, in company with about ten private detectives, attempted to raid the Harvard Club, to stop gambling, but were met at the door by Shimmy Patton, manager of the club, who refused them admission, and as about twenty-five hoodlums gathered around to assist Patton, nothing of a raiding nature was done until reinforcements arrived from the Cleveland Police Department. He said he saw no guns of any kind displayed by either side; that only one of his men was armed and he with a pistol which was not drawn.

He related that while awaiting reinforcements, the gambling equipment of the Harvard Club was removed and when admission was finally gained, no gambling was in evidence. Mr. McNamée further stated he had represented Shimmy Patton in legal matters before becoming assistant prosecutor, and considers Patton to be a very tough guy, although a man of his word, therefore, when Patton told him if he went in the club with these officers, "he might get hurt" he did not go in. Later Patton asked

McNamee if he had any "papers" and when McNamee answered, "No," Patton volunteered to take him in alone to see the club. McNamee said he went in with Patton and was amazed at the size of the place, its equipment and the crowd present; about two thousand people.

Mr. McNamee said he was told by a person who ought to know and in whom he has great faith, that Karpis and his gang had frequented this place. He declined to give the name of this person, but agreed to again contact him relative to this matter and learn what he could as to the Karpis gang being at the Harvard Club and will later convey what information he gathers to Agents.

Mr. McNamee will be again contacted in regard to this matter.

A check of the city directory discloses that Olive B. Ewing is listed as a bookkeeper for the Bonne Bell, Inc., Fairview Village, Ohio. The city directory also reflects the Bonne Bell, Inc. to be a cosmetic concern located at 13616 Detroit Avenue, its president being Jesse G. Bell, 19715 Rocky River, Ohio.

The directory lists Frank W. Smith's address as 3843 Silsby Road, which corresponds with the address appearing in the articles of incorporation. Mr. Smith's occupation is given as Deputy County Treasurer, New Court House, Cuyahoga County.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. B. Fitzgerald:

Mr. George Niggle, 3847 Silsby Road, Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio, stated that he is and has been for the past fifteen years a merchant policeman in the 17th precinct of Cleveland and is a next door neighbor of Frank W. Smith, who resides at 3843 Silsby Road. He stated that Smith and his family moved into this address about two years ago and are apparently nice people, but he is not well acquainted with Smith because of the fact that he works all night and sleeps most of the day. He stated that Mr. Smith is a county employee of some kind and he believes that Smith works out of the Treasurer's office; that Smith goes to work about nine o'clock in the morning, is home for lunch, home for dinner, and usually home several times during the day, which leads Mr. Niggle to believe that Smith does some kind of outside work for Cuyahoga County, perhaps in regard to real estate valuations. Mr. Niggle also has the impression that Smith is in some kind of real estate business for himself.

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b7D [REDACTED] . It will be noted here
that 2801 Detroit Avenue is the address of the Silver Grill, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Clayton Hall called at the Cleveland Bureau office and was questioned by the writer relative to any information he might have regarding the 1933 Ford coupe, probably purchased by Campbell using the name Charles Miller, from the Pollock Davis Ford Company at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 4, 1935, and he stated that it was his impression that a car of that description had been turned in to the Manning-Marino Company at Youngstown on trade for a new Terraplane coupe. Hall was unable to give any further information relative to this automobile.

Hall was questioned generally about his associations with Karpis and Hunter and he related that on one occasion, while he and Karpis were driving around, the conversation turned to the scars on Karpis' face, and Karpis stated that no one had to worry about the guy who did the job as he was dead. Hall was questioned very closely relative to anything Karpis may have said about where or how the body was disposed of, or who killed the man who caused the scars, however, Hall advised he had gone no further into the subject, as Karpis had let it drop.

Detective Norman Kandell of the Canton, Ohio Police Department, advised that Eddie Seaman and Jake Gilmore may possibly be in contact with "Slim" Martin in Toledo, Ohio, if so they will be in close contact with George Green, paramour of Mabel Green. In view of the close contact supposedly existing between Joe Rich, Seaman and Gilmore, an endeavor will be made to locate Seaman and Gilmore for the purpose of questioning them relative to Joe Rich's activities. Both men are also wanted by the Canton, Ohio Police Department for grand larceny.

AT AKRON, OHIO

Ed Ley, Identification Officer, Akron, Ohio Police Department, was interviewed relative to the presence in the city of one Dolly Rogers, a prostitute, who was said to have been an inmate of the

house of prostitution operated by Edna Haney, during part of the period of time under investigation. He searched his records under the name, and also under the fingerprint classification of Dolly Rogers, but stated he had no record of her. He then made inquiry of other detectives of the vice squad concerning this girl, but none of them knew of her.

Agents also contacted Special Agent R. C. Connell, who has made some investigation relative to vice conditions in Akron, relative to this girl, but her name had not come to his attention. He was requested to keep this girl in mind and attempt to locate her while going about his usual work in Akron.

Officer Ley stated that he had no record or knowledge of the number of houses of ill fame, or prostitutes in Akron, Ohio, and could suggest no way to locate a certain prostitute if known to be practicing her profession in that city. Agent Connell at Akron, Ohio, will be again contacted in regard to this girl.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio, will reinterview Mr. Eliot Ness, Director of Public Safety and secure from him the names and addresses of all women in jail on September 5, 1934, prior to 6:15 P. M., at which time Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon were incarcerated.

Will, when deemed advisable, interview the various matrons on duty during the time Sawyer, Burdette and Harmon were in jail at Cleveland, Ohio.

Will continue its investigation into the identity and associates of Olive Ewing, Fairview Village, and Frank Smith, 3843 Silsby Road.

Will, when deemed advisable, interview Edward Stanton, attorney, 606 Terminal Tower Building, for the purpose of ascertaining who retained him to represent Sawyer, Burdette, and Harmon.

Will contact such of the persons incarcerated in the Cleveland City Jail between September 5, 1934 and September 7, 1934, as is deemed advisable relative to the tip off of the presence of the Sawyer, Burdette and Harmon women in that jail and in regard to the rumored gift of a diamond brooch or bracelet to some person by one of the women.

Will obtain the facts relative to a manslaughter charge alleged to have been filed against Art Hebebrand in Cleveland, Ohio, in February, 1930.

Will reinterview Assistant County Prosecutor Charles McNamee at the County Courts Building for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the individual who made the statement that Karpis was at the Harvard Club on January 10, 1936, the day it was raided, and also secure any additional information he may have secured relative to Karpis' presence at the Harvard Club.

At the Fifth Precinct Police Station, 79th and Woodland Avenues, will again contact Inspector Frank Story, for the purpose of securing the name of the Officer who met a representative of the Harvard Club at Franklin Circle on September 6, 1934.

At Toledo, Ohio, will endeavor to locate George Green, paramour of Mabel Green, madam of a house of prostitution, and through him locate Eddie Seaman and Jake Gilmore and question them relative to Joe Rich's activities and associates.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report
July 22, 1936.

Case: BREKID
WEYNAP
STOLNAP

Number: 7-576-12351

Specimens: A. Sample handwriting of Oliver A. Berg consisting of three pieces of paper.

Examination requested by: Chicago Bureau Office.

Date received: July 18, 1936.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

This writing will be compared with the anonymous writings of the various cases as soon as all of the known gangsters are assembled, which will be in about a week. This procedure is being adopted because of the numerous comparisons which must be made in order to save time. Berg was not included in the list of known gangsters, search of which was just completed, and his name will be included in the next list.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: BREXID
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Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 18, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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Laboratory Report
July 23, 1936.

Case: BREKID
WEYNAP
STOLNAP

Number: 7-576-12279

Specimens: A. Sample handwriting and printing of Fred Hunter consisting of two sheets.

Examination requested by: Atlanta Bureau Office.

Date received: July 14, 1936.

Examination requested: Document.

Result of examination: Examination by: Appel #1

The known handwritings of Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis, and others of the gangsters known to have participated in the kidnaping cases, were compared with the numerous anonymous and crank letters and other unknown writings in the Hamm, Bremer, Boettcher and Urschel kidnaping cases. No similar writings were found.

At the time the handwritings of G. E. Barker, Arthur Barker, Lloyd Barker, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, George Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Vern Sankey, Dainard, Fliss and Fitzgerald were also under observation although not compared in the same detail.

If there are any specific writings which have not previously been forwarded or which should be given particular attention in connection with the handwriting of any individual, the Laboratory should be advised.

6-Bureau (1-BREKID; 1-WEYNAP; 1-STOLNAP; 1-HANAP; 1-file 7-50; 1-file 7-115)

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July 23, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: BREKID
WEYNAP
STOLNAP

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

July 21, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, and each office receiving a copy of this letter, is the log of the telephone tap, from July 13, 1936, to July 17, 1936, inclusive, maintained on the telephone of the bonding company of Earl (Ike) Wittenberg, Main 9711, 538 Erie Street, Ohio.

Copy of the log on the telephone of Maxine Belmont, 501 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio, Adams 1556, for the period from July 13, 1936 to July 17, 1936, inclusive, will go forward in the near future.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
Special Agent in Charge

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TELEPHONE TAP ON EARL (IKE) WITTENBERG

July 13, 1936.

10:00 AM Incoming HED
Girl called Thelma and they talked about what they did over the week end and about the death of Rabbi Lightnerstein.

10:20 AM Outgoing call HED
Thelma called a girl and they talked about what they did over the week end and about the death of Rabbi Lightnerstein.

10:32 AM Incoming HED
Man calling - Is (couldn't get the name) there?
Thelma - He's across the street. Call Adams 4141 and ask for the clerk's office. They will call him for you. Who is this?
Man - This is Morris.

11:30 AM Outgoing Main 6221 EJD
Man - What time is it please?
Man - Exactly 11:30 AM.

11:40 AM Outgoing Main 1671 EJD
Man - Where's my wife?
Woman - In the basement; I'll call her.
Man - How would you like to go to the Paramount this afternoon. It's nice and cool there.
Woman - Have you got the car there?
Man - No, it's out of town.
Man - I'll call you about 2 o'clock.

12:12 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 police dept., clerk's office. EJD
Myer - What became of that James Farrell case?
Clerk - What was he charged with?
Myer - Assault and battery.
Clerk - Case continued until tomorrow, the 14th. Who is this?
Man - Myer Wittenberg.
Clerk - I thought so.
Man - Thanks.

12:15 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 police dept., clerk's office EJD
Myer - Is Bennie there?
Clerk - Yes, hold the wire.
Myer - Bennie, get the file on James Farrell, assault and battery, case continued until tomorrow, bond \$25 and bring him over to the office.
Bennie - OK.

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2:10 PM Incoming HED
 Woman - Tell Benny to call me.
 Thelma Jacobs - Alright.

2:12 PM Incoming HED
 Man - How much are you going to get out of Harry?
 Man - Ten bucks.
 Man - What did he get?
 Man - We got him discharged.

2:25 PM Incoming HED
 Man - I've got something to show you.
 Man - Where are you?
 Man - At the Elks.
 Man - I'll be over there in a few minutes.

2:35 PM Outgoing Main 8453 HED
 Line Busy

2:37 PM Outgoing Main 8453 HED
 Line busy

2:38 PM Outgoing Main 8453 HED
 Man calling - Any mail?
 Woman - No.

2:55 PM Incoming HED
 Man - This is Eddy Webber talking. Is there any left? You
 know I was in jail and I was supposed to get \$5.00.
 Man - You can get that anytime you want to.
 Eddy Webber - I'll be right over.

3:05 PM Incoming HED
 Man - Benny, this is Billy. Is there a warrant for Billy
 Burns?
 Benny - No, do you know where she is?
 Billy - Yeah.
 Benny - You might as well bring her in.
 Billy - OK.

3:15 PM Outgoing Adams 0350 HED
 Line busy

3:25 PM Incoming HED
 Girl - What's the numbers?
 Man - I don't know yet.

3:30 PM Outgoing Adams 0350 HED
 Man - Stock 364 Bond 423

3:48 PM Outgoing MAIN 6221 HED
 Man - Knight cab.
 Girl - What time is it please?
 Man - 3:48

4:15 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. Turnkey HED
 Ike - Ike. Is there anybody looking for me?
 Turnkey - We haven't even got anybody in jail. We're going to close up here, Ike.

4:30 PM Incoming HED
 Woman - Is this Lifer's Drug Store?
 Man - No, you must have the wrong number.

4:45 PM Incoming HED
 Man - Do you handle replevin bonds?
 Man - No.

5:20 PM Incoming HED
 Woman - This is Mrs. Rinestein. Whose number is Adams 9221?
 Man - Wait a minute and I'll look it up. (He came back to the telephone and said, "That number is R. L. Durfee and Co. Investments.")
 Woman - Thanks

6:35 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 Police Dept. Turnkey EJD
 Meyer - Is this you, Pittman? Anything doing?
 Turnkey - No, nothing at all.

8:02 PM Incoming EJD
 Man - Is Dave in?
 Man - No. He won't be here until Wednesday. Can I do anything for you.
 Man - No, I'll call again Wednesday.

July 14, 1936

10:05 AM Incoming EJD
Girl - Hello, Thelma, Isn't it hot?
Thelma - I should say so.
They then carry on a personal conversation, nothing pertaining to business.

10:08 AM Outgoing Collect to Tyler 66250, Detroit, Michigan by Jacobs.
Jacobs - Is Mr. Sanders there?
Girl - Yes, hold the wire.
Jacobs - Hello, Bob, I just got in this morning from Chicago, and I'll be working around Toledo today. What's new.
Bob - I got four checks in yesterday, and sold the Commercial Metals Company ten cars.
Jacobs - I think we will be able to sell the Great Lakes Steel ten tons. The stuff in Chicago was sold to another party.
Bob - Where can I get you tonight?
Jacobs - You can call me at home, I'll be there.

10:30 AM Outgoing MAIN 4242 EJD
Operator - Number has been changed to Adams 9286. Dialed Adams 9286.
Man - Selzer Motor Co.
Man - This is Jacobs calling. Is my car ready?
Man - No, it is still over at the body shop.
Jacobs - I need it as soon as possible, as I got to go to Detroit. See what you can do about it and call me back at MAIN 9711.
Man - Alright.
Jacobs - I'm here at the Jacobs Bonding Co., if you get in any trouble let me know and we take you out.
Man - Laughed and said, I'll call you right away, Mr. Jacobs.

10:35 AM Incoming EJD
Man - This is Selzer Motor Co. Your car will be ready in 20 mins.
Jacobs - OK. I got to go over to the east side and will call for it at twelve.

10:40 AM Outgoing 53-1671 EJD
Thelma - Is Ma there?
Woman - No, she went to the store.
Thelma - Any mail?
Woman - No.
Thelma - What's new?
Woman - Nothing.
Thelma - Nothing new there, nothing new here.

10:55 AM Outgoing 89-1153 EJD
 Jacobs - Asks woman answering is Frank there
 Woman - No he left here a short time ago.
 Jacobs - I've been waiting for him at Erie & Beach. He
 promised to be here at 10:30 AM. I got to go back
 to Detroit.
 Woman - He ought to be there any minute now.

11:00 AM Incoming EJD
 Woman - Thelma where are you going to eat?
 Thelma - I don't know, I'm socked right now.
 Woman - I'll meet you at Smith's.
 Thelma - Okey Doke.

10:55 AM Outgoing MAIn 5791 HED
 Man - Is Davey there?
 Girl - He'll be back tomorrow.

11:10 AM Incoming HED
 Man - Is Davey there?
 Girl - He'll be back tomorrow.

11:15 AM Outgoing FOrest 1671 HED
 Thelma - Are you going to the funeral, Pa?
 Man - Yeah, anybody from the office going?
 Thelma - No.

11:16 AM Outgoing FOrest 4879 HED
 Thelma - Is Bell there?
 Man - She just went away with Izzie.

11:26 AM Outgoing MAIn 6221 HED
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 Man - Time please?
 Man - 11:26.

11:40 AM Outgoing FOrest 4879 HED
 No answer.

11:45 AM Incoming HED
 Girl - Is Izzie or Davey there?
 Thelma - No.

11:47 AM Outgoing MAIn 2079 HED
 Man - I won't be home to eat tonight.
 Woman - Alright.

11:50 AM Outgoing FOrest 4879 HED
 Thelma - Is she back yet?
 Girl - No.

12:45 PM Outgoing MAin 81 (number not completed) HED

12:50 PM Incoming HED
 Woman - Johnnie there, Earl?
 Earl - He's eating.

12:55 PM Incoming HED
 Man - This is Stone, Earl. You owe us a little bill.
 \$1.50 for the Independence Day issue. It was
 made on July 2.
 Earl - I left here about six o'clock the morning of July 2,
 so I don't know anything about it, but send over
 the bill and I'll pay you.

1:40 PM Outgoing ADams 0165 HED
 Myer - Sol, this is Myer Wittenberg. Play 379 for me.
 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in each book.
 Sol - Ok.

2:30 PM Outgoing MAin 6287 HED
 Girl - (could not get name) Hospital
 Man - You have a man named Frank Herold, brought in there
 for heat. How is he?
 Girl - His condition is not so good.

2:35 PM Incoming HED
 Man - Hello. The party calling hung up.

2:40 PM Incoming HED
 Girl - Is Mr. Bernstein there?
 Man - No, he isn't. Who shall I tell him called?
 Girl - Tell him Jean called and that I'll call back at four.

2:48 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. Turnkey HED
 Ike calling - This is Ike. Anybody want me?
 Turnkey - Not so far Ike.

3:10 PM Outgoing ADams 0450 EJD
 Woman - No numbers yet?
 Man - not yet.

3:29 PM Incoming
 Man - Stocks 596, Bond 547

3:35 PM Incoming EJD
 Girl - What's the numbers
 Man - 596 and 547
 Girl - Why I had 745, I am wondering whether the woman down-
 stairs boxed it, if she did I sure will be a good
 winner. I played 10¢ on it.
 Man - Better find out about it.

5:15 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. Turnkey EJD
 Benny - Hello, Pittman, you looking for me?
 Pittman - No, not until Thursday.

5:45 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. EJD
 Man - Hello is that you Pittman?
 Pittman - Yes.
 Man - This is Myer, anything for me?
 Pittman - No, nothing doing.

6:00 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. EJD
 Man - Matron please.
 Matron - Hello
 Man - This is Myer, is there anything for me?
 Matron - No, nothing at all. Say I got your bottle, and thanks.
 Myer - It comes in mighty handy in this weather. If I can do
 anything else for you let me know.

6:02 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. Turnkey EJD
 Man - This is Myer, did anyone call me from there. My phone
 rang but I couldn't get to it in time.
 Turnkey - Nothing doing at all.

7:35 PM Incoming HED
 Woman - Ike, will you go over and see Velam Reams?
 Ike - Alright, thank you.

7:40 PM Outgoing MAIN 6287 HED
 Man - What is the condition of Frank Herold?
 Girl - His condition is critical, but he is better.

7:55 PM Outgoing MAIN 8453 HED
 Man - Yeah
 Woman - When are you coming home?
 Man - I'm leaving now.

July 15, 1936

9:40 AM Outgoing Forest 4879 HED
Thelma - Called Bell and they discussed what they did last night. Then Thelma told Bell to play 512 for her.

10:05 AM Outgoing Forest 1195-J HED
Thelma - Dot are they going?
Dot - I imagine she's going on the train. We can't take her.
Thelma - OK.

11:10 AM Incoming HED
Girl - Thelma, ain't it grand this morning?
Thelma - Yeah, but I'm sick to my stomach.
Girl - Why don't you go home?
Thelma - I will but there is no one here yet.

11:30 AM Incoming EJD
Man - Have you enough stamps?
Man - Yes, I have about \$5.00 worth.

11:45 AM Incoming EJD
Girl - Can you tell me what happened to the case of Rose Smith?
Thelma - There is no one here now, but I think she was booked for being drunk and her case continued until the 21st.

11:46 AM Incoming EJD
Man - This is Joe.
Man - Is Thelma there?
Man - Yes, she is here. No one came as yet.

11:47 AM Outgoing ADams 6920 EJD
Man - Is Barney there?
Man - No, he did not show up yet. Who is this?
Man - This is his father. I will call later

11:50 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. EJD
Man - Say, Tom, have you still Heckery? Booked as suspicious person?
Tom - Yes he's still here.
Man - Okey Doke.

2:30 PM Outgoing ADams 4251 EJD
Man - Let me have Mr. Shapiro's room.
Man - Abe, there is a man at the office who wants to see you, wait I'll let you talk to him.
Man - This is Frenchy the waiter over at the Victory. I have a chance to better myself in another job and must have \$5 to pay up my dues today; wonder if you would let me have it until pay day?
Abe - Sorry, you got me at the wrong time. I only wish I had it to spare to you.

2:37 PM Outgoing Main 6221 EJD
 Knight Cab.
 Girl - Knight Cab
 Man - Time, please.
 Girl - 2:37

2:45 PM Outgoing 62-2776 EJD
 Thelma - Is Mrs. Mushbaum home?
 Girl - Yes, I'll call her.
 Thelma - What are you doing?
 Mrs. M - I'm lying down. I have a headache. Where are you at?
 Thelma - I'm over at the joint, but I want to leave here soon
 and go downtown and buy a bathing suit, will you meet
 me?
 Mrs. M. - I'll be seeing you at 3:30.

3:05 PM Incoming HED
 A girl called Thelma and they talked about personal affairs.

3:15 PM Outgoing Forest 1195-J HED
 Thelma - Lib leave yet?
 Woman - No, she's upstairs washing herself.
 Thelma - Tell her I'm not going to get nothing today.
 I'm going to wait until I get some money.
 Woman - OK.

3:18 PM Outgoing Adams 0350 HED
 Man - Stock 782, Bond 583

3:20 PM Forest 1671 HED
 Thelma - Ma, he's not working tonight.
 Woman - Are you coming home?
 Thelma - In just a few minutes.

3:55 PM Outgoing Main 6287 HED
 Man - What is the condition of Frank Herold?
 Girl - Somewhat improved today.

4:10 PM Outgoing 113 HED
 Man - Information, what is I. Sharfman's number on Vermont St.?
 Operator - We have an Isadore Sharfman. His number is Main
 9261

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 Outgoing Main 9261 HED
 Busy signal.

4:22 PM Incoming HED
 Man - Is Morris there?
 Man - He's going down the avenue, if he ain't there yet he'll be there in a couple of minutes.

5:00 PM Outgoing Main 7244 HED
 Woman - City House.
 Man - Will you make a note? There are weeds all down the sidewalk in the 500 block on Erie Street, just across the street from the Safety Building. It's causing mosquitoes and everything and it's a poor ad for the city. They got away with it last year and I reported it. By God it's the same thing every year.
 Woman - Who owns that property?
 Man - The Tiedtke estate owns part of it, I think.
 Woman - I'll report it.

5:05 PM Incoming HED
 Girl - Is Dave Wittenberg there?
 Man - No, he's out of the city, but I expect him back tonite.
 Girl - Thanks.

5:06 PM Incoming HED
 Girl - This is Leah talking. Is dad there?
 Man - No.

5:11 PM Outgoing ADams 4214 HED
 Man - Are you going straight home, or coming here?
 Girl - I'm going home as soon as I get through here.

5:13 PM Outgoing ADams 4214 HED
 Man - How long before you will be through?
 Girl - About 10 or 15 minutes. Will you pick me up?
 Man - Yeah.

5:35 PM Incoming HED
 Girl - Davey, Nate (phonetic) wants you to call him. His number is Main 0061.
 Dave - OK.

5:36 PM Outgoing Main 0061 HED
 Man - Nate, is that coming up in the morning?
 Nate - Yeah.
 Man - I'll come right over and talk to you about it.

6:03 PM Incoming HED
 Woman - Ike, aren't you coming home to eat?
 Ike - No. I'll call you back when I finish checking.
 Woman - Ok.

6:23 PM Outgoing (recorder did not work) HED
Man - Is my car ready?
Man - Yeah.
Man - I'll be over for it.

6:25 PM Outgoing Main 8453 HED
Man - I'll bring the car right out to you.
Woman - Alright, I'll take you back to town.

6:50 PM Incoming HED
Woman - Ike, would you cash my check for me? I just got
back from my vacation. It's for \$45.83.
Ike - Yeah, I'll cash it.

7:20 PM Incoming EJD
Man - Is Dave there?
Man - No, he just left. This is Ike, can I do anything for you.
Man - I'll drop down to the office

7:30 PM Incoming EJD
Man - Is Dave there? This is Speed at the county jail.
Man - No, he is not, is there anything I can do. This is Ike.
Speed - I just got a new case for you, a fellow arrested.
Ike - I'll be right over, just as soon as some one comes in
to relieve me.

7:40 PM Incoming EJD
Man - Is Wittenberg there?
Man - Hold the wire.
Man - Speed has a case at the county jail. Man arrested for
bastardy. Get on the job.
Man - OK.

8:45 PM Incoming EJD
Man - Is Davey there, Muzz?
Man - No, he just left.
Man - OK.

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10:20 AM Incoming EJD
Man - Is Thelma there?
Man - This is Eddie Brockway. I thought you were going to let me change the last order of hose.
Thelma - Oh, I just kept on wearing them. I have one pair I did not use.
Man - I'll drop over first of next week and be glad to change them for you.
Thelma - Alright.

10:50 AM Outgoing ADams 7548 EJD
Man - Is Al home?
Woman - No, he'll be here for lunch.
Man - This is Davie. Have him call me at the office.

10:55 AM Incoming EJD
Girl - Is Ike there, Thelma?
Thelma - No, he's across the street.
Girl - Is Davie there?
Thelma - No, he just left for across the street.
Girl - I want to talk to Ike and Davie.

11:30 AM Outgoing FOrEst 3879 EJD
Thelma called Bell and they talked about personal affairs.

11:35 AM Outgoing MAIn 6287 Mercy Hospital HED
Man - What's the condition of Frank Herold?
Girl - Fair today.

11:40 AM Outgoing MAIn 6221 HED
Man - Time please?
Man - 11:40

11:42 AM Outgoing ADams 4214 HED
Thelma - When are you going to eat?
Girl - I can't meet you I'm going to be too busy.

11:43 AM Incoming HED
Girl called Thelma and they talked about personal affairs.

11:45 AM Incoming HED
Man - Davie, did you find out about that screen?
Dave - Yeah, it's all right.

11:48 AM Outgoing MAIn 4221 HED
Busy signal.

11:49 AM Outgoing MAIn 4221 HED
Thelma - This is Miss Jacobs. When can I get a manicure?
Girl - Tomorrow at twelve o'clock.
Thelma - OK.

12:40 PM Outgoing Main 0506 HED
 Girl - Bond Cleaners.
 Man - Hello, Elsie, how are you?
 Girl - I have a cold.
 Man - Get Tony for Ken and we'll go out tonight.
 Girl - OK, I'll try. Call me about two-thirty.
 Man - OK.

1:10 PM Outgoing Adams 7548 HED
 Man - Do you want to go out tonight, Ken?
 Ken - I guess it will be OK.
 Man - I'm going to call Tony back in a few minutes, and I'll call you about six.
 Ken - OK.

1:20 PM Outgoing Main 3089 HED
 Opr. What number are you calling?
 Man - Main 3089
 Opr. - That number has been changed to Main 6116.

1:21 PM Outgoing Main 6116 HED
 Man - Thumpkin Tire Co.
 Man - This is Wittenberg. Rosin (phonetic), my father-in-law owes you fifteen dollars for some tires he bought there about a month and a half ago. If you will send a boy over with the bill marked "Paid in Full" I'll give you a check he sent me for you. He's out of town.
 Thumpkin - I'll send it right over.

1:56 PM Outgoing Adams 0607 HED
 Man - Let me speak to Mrs. Zimmerman.
 Mrs. Zimmerman - Hello
 Man - This is Davie, Carrie. I just got back, it's awfully hot up there. Say, she ordered a ham from Armour, but they didn't send it. Will you see about it?
 Mrs. Z. - Yeah, when he comes in again I'll tell him.

2:02 PM Outgoing Main 6116 HED
 Man - Thumpkin, this is Wittenberg. Why did you send me a bill for \$15.45 when the bill was only \$15.00?
 Thumpkin - There is 45 cents tax.
 Wittenberg - He just sent me a check for \$15.00. I'll bring that over and we can owe you the 45 cents.
 Thumpkin - Can't you get the 45 cents too and just pay it up?
 Wittenberg - He just sent me a check for \$15.00 so you'll have to wait on the rest.
 Thumpkin - OK.

2:05 PM Outgoing Main 8453 HED
 Ike - It will be about 5:45 before I get home tonight.
 Woman - Alright, I'll have your supper ready.

2:11 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. HED
 Man - Police Dept.
 Man - Turnkey, please.
 No one answered.

2:15 PM Incoming HED
 Man - Say, Wittenberg, who do you write to get liquor license?
 Department of Liquor control?
 Wittenberg - I don't know. I've never had one. Call Epstein,
 he does most of that work.
 Man - Ok, thanks.

2:17 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. HED
 Ike - This is Ike, anybody looking for me?
 Turnkey - No.
 Ike - Thanks, John

2:30 PM Outgoing Main 0506 HED
 Man - How about it Elsie?
 Elsie - She said she would go out with him, but she wouldn't
 go out with anybody else.
 Man - OK. I'll see you about eight-thirty then.

3:00 PM Outgoing ADams 4251 Argonne Hotel HED
 Davie - Bob, I forgot to call you when I came back. I got
 in late last night.
 Bob - I finish at seven.
 Davie - I'm going out to dinner, but I'll see you later.
 Bob - Ok.

4:10 PM Incoming HED
 Man - Is Ike or Dave in?
 Man - No they both left together, but I expect Dave back at
 five o'clock.
 Man - I would like to talk to Ike. This is Mr. Clark, tell him
 to call me tomorrow morning at Main 2455.

4:13 PM Outgoing EJD
 Man - Mr. Clark please
 Mr. Clark - Hello.
 Man - This is Dave, can you talk to me. Ike won't be here
 until tomorrow morning.
 Clark - Alright, I'll call him in the morning about nine.
 I have a matter to take up with him.

4:25 PM Outgoing Main 2455 EJD
 Ike - Asks for Mr. Clark
 Mr. Clark - Say I sent you a guide board of business, and
 didn't hear from you.
 Ike - Call me on it tomorrow afternoon. I just was on my way
 out and haven't got time now to talk about it.
 Clark - OK.

4:27 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 EJD
 Ike - 212 please
 Man - Hello, this is Charlie.
 Ike - I've been delayed, just waiting for my car and will see you.

5:55 PM Incoming EJD
 Man - This is the turnkey. We have a man here on a DD charge.
 Man - OK, I'll be right over.

6:13 PM Outgoing MAIN 4214 EJD
 Man - Roth Motor Co. This is Abe Shapiro. When you going to get the car?
 Man - Gee, I've been busy, but will send us for it tomorrow morning.
 Shapiro - Put it on the lot, and let me know about what price it will bring, and what you expect to get for it.

6:40 PM Outgoing ADams 7261 EJD
 Man - Miller this is Sickelman. Can you use a 2 1/2 ton truck tomorrow to haul beer.
 Miller - I'll have to see the truck.
 Man - I'll call you tomorrow.

7:05 PM Incoming HBD
 Man - If Hank comes down tell him to come by the house.
 Man - OK

7:10 PM Incoming HBD
 Man - Say Myer, they just picked up a man by the name of Morris Ciarlski. How about finding out about him?
 Myer - OK. What's your number? I'll call you back.
 Man - My number is MAIN 3542.

7:12 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. HBD
 Man - Have you got a man by the name of Morris or Morton Ciarlski?
 Turnkey - Yeah, he's here on assault and battery.
 Man - Tell him I'll be right over to get him out.
 Turnkey - OK.

7:15 PM Outgoing HBD
 Man - Don, he's in on assault and battery. I'll go over and get him right out. You come down to the office.
 Don - OK. I'll be right down. How long before you'll have him out.
 Myer - About five minutes.

7:45 PM Incoming No answer HBD

7:50 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. HBD
 Woman's Dept.
 Man - Mrs. Mack, anybody looking for me?
 Mrs. Mack - No.
 Myer - Did you have a woman in there today for petty larceny?
 Mrs. Mack - Yes, but the judge let her out.

7:53 PM Outgoing ADams 4141 police dept. HBD
 Man - This is Myer. Is anybody looking for me?
 Turnkey - No, Muz got them all out.

8:05 PM Incoming HBD
 Woman - Is Muz there?
 Myer - He's not here.
 Woman - We'll be late for the show.
 Myer - No you won't, it's early yet.

8:30 PM Outgoing ADams 7548 No answer HBD

8:40 PM Outgoing ADams 4912 HBD
 Man - Joe! Simons there?
 Woman - Just a minute.
 Man - Joe, this is Abe talking. I'll be over to see you
 in a few minutes.
 Joe - OK.

8:45 PM Incoming HBD
 Woman - Is Eddy there?
 Man - No, he isn't.
 Woman - Have him call me, will you?
 Man - OK

8:50 PM Man called information and asked the number of the Glass Bar.
 Operator said it was Jefferson 0315.

8:55 PM Outgoing Jefferson 0315 Glass Bar, Phillips & Detroit
 (HBD)
 Man - Let me talk to the man.
 Man - Hello
 Man - This is Norwalk. Who is that black-haired man you've got
 in there? I'm here at the Safety Bldg., and I'm going to
 report what happened out there tonight. I was there with
 my friends from Detroit and he insulted me. I think it's
 a dirty, rotten shame that you've got a dirty rat pimp
 like that working for you. I can ship him any day and the
 next time I see him I'm going to kick the (obscene) out of
 him.
 Man - You go ahead and report it to the police, or do what ever you
 want to and then drop out to see Al and me about it in a few
 days.
 Norwalk - Alright.

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10:05 AM Outgoing Jefferson 0312 HED
Girl - Is Charlie there?
Man - No, he isn't.
Girl - Have him call MAIn 9711 when he comes in.

10:15 AM Outgoing Adams 2197 HED
Man - Is Mr. Dowd there?
Woman - No, he isn't.

10:18 AM Incoming HED
Girl - Is Mr. Earl Wittenberg there? This is Mr. Oscar
Smith's office calling.
Man - You can get him at Adams 4141, that's the police dept.

10:20 AM Incoming HED
Girl - Is Chick there? You know, the man that wears those
big, thick glasses and sells pajamas.
Man - He doesn't hang around here anymore.
Girl - What time does Abe Shapiro come down?
Man - At six o'clock.

10:21 AM Incoming HED
Girl - What is Ruth's house number?
Thelma - It's Adams 7061

10:24 AM Incoming HED
Girl - Ruth is not at home.
Thelma - She must be down town then.

10:25 AM Outgoing MAIn 6335 HED
Thelma - Is Mr. Jacobs there?
Girl - No.
Thelma - Tell him to call his mother.

11:20 AM Outgoing MAIn 6221 Knight Cab RAG
Man - Do you have the time?
Man - 11:20

11:30 AM Incoming RAG
Man - Did that case come up?
Woman - Yes, it was up Wednesday.
Man - I'll have to check it up then. They are hearing 35 cases
a day now. OK

11:31 AM Outgoing MAIn 2776 RAG
Woman - Will you call Miss Nussbaum?
Miss Nussbaum - Hello. Talk about personal affairs.

11:54 AM Incoming RAG
 Woman - Is Thelma there?
 Man - No, she's out to lunch. I think she's gone over to Smith's with Jean.

12:11 PM Outgoing Adams 9121 RAG
 Dave - Is (?) there?
 Man - Just a minute
 Man - Hello, Dave.
 Dave - Did you call this morning? Well, that's OK. Don't let any of those people around there know anything about it. You know how they are.
 Man - No, I won't.
 Dave - Alright

12:26 PM Outgoing Main 7244 RAG
 Man - This is the man who called a few days ago about those weeds in the 500 block on Erie St. across from the Safety Bldg. What have you done about it?
 Girl - I'll connect you with the Sanitary Division.
 Sanitary Div. - We've turned it over to the proper authorities and it is in their hands now.
 Man - Well, I know some big shots own about 20 feet of that property but something should be done.
 Girl - Alright, sir, it will be taken care of.

12:38 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 RAG
 Woman - Police Department
 Man - Women's Bureau, please
 Man - Is that Wittman girl still there?
 Girl - Yes, she's being held on a DD charge and resisting an officer.
 Man - Didn't she go to court yet?
 Girl - I believe it is continued until Tuesday.
 Man - Did they set a bond?
 Girl - I suppose it will be about \$75
 Man - Her name is Willie Mae Wittman, isn't it?
 Girl - Yes.

1:12 PM Outgoing Main 0786 RAG
 Man - Miss Rappaport this is Mr. Wittenberg. That bond is \$500 and it is pretty hard to do anything about it. The fee is \$15.00.
 Miss R. - I haven't got it and I told you I would be good for it until next week.
 Wittenberg - We can't do things that way.
 Miss R. - Well, I'm not going to do anything about it. (hangs up.)

1:16 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 RAG
 Man - Automobile Squad, please. (no answer so he asks for Captain of Detectives)
 Man - Is this you, Freddy?
 Man - Yes.
 Man - What time does Reese report in?
 Man - It is hard to say, we'd have to get him on the air. He should be in about 3:30.
 Man - Alright then.

1:23 PM Outgoing Adams 9121 RAG
 Man - Is Sam there?
 Man - No he is home today.
 Man - Just taking the day off?
 Man - Yes, his number is Adams 8302.
 Man - That must be his mother's place. Oh, I'll call him later.

1:25 PM Incoming RAG
 Girl and friend talk on personal business

1:41 PM Outgoing Adams 2197 Fire Dept. RAG
 Man - Is Mr. Dowd there?
 Girl - No, he isn't in now.
 Man - Do you expect him back?
 Girl - He should be in some time this afternoon.
 Man - Alright, I'll call later.

2:16 PM Outgoing Adams 4141 RAG
 Man - Lieutenant's office, please. Is Officer Ducing there?
 Man - He won't be here till 3.
 Man - I'm supposed to polish his car. He told me he'd be there at two. Tell him I'm on the corner waiting for him.

2:27 PM Outgoing Adams 2197 Fire Dept. RAG
 Man - Is Martin Dowd there?
 Dowd - Hello.
 Man - Hello, Martin, this is Joe Jacobs. Got anything new?
 Dowd - Not yet, but I may have something definite soon. Our budget is pretty well shot, but I am going out of the building this afternoon to see what I can do. I may not have anything but I think I can tell you something definite.
 Man - Alright, I'll call you tomorrow.

2:51 PM Outgoing Main 8453 RAG
 Man calling talks to his wife about personal affairs.

3:05 PM Incoming RAG
 Man - What are your terms on surety bonds for Federal prisoners?
 Man - We don't sign any federal bonds.
 Man - OK Thank you.

3:09 PM Incoming RAG
 Woman - Is Mr. Wittenberg in?
 Man - This is Mr. Wittenberg.
 Woman - Miss Pierce (tries to obtain donation in connection with amateur baseball games Sunday.)
 Man - Oh, you want my brother, I am only an employee. He handles the advertising and he won't be here until six.

3:17 PM Outgoing ADams 0350 RAG
 Man - Stocks 272 and Bonds 449

3:30 PM Incoming EJW
 Man - Is Dave in?
 Girl - He is at the clerk's office

3:32 PM Incoming EJW
 Dave - Is Harvey there?
 Girl - No, he went home.

3:35 PM Incoming EJW
 Dave - What is Mutchy Levine's telephone number?
 Thelma - Main 4680, it's an unlisted number

3:36 PM Incoming EJW
 Man - Is Dave there?
 Thelma - No, he is across the street.

3:40 PM Incoming EJW
 Thelma and woman calling discuss personal matters.

3:47 PM Outgoing MAIN 6221 EJW
 Thelma - What time is it?
 Man - 3:47

3:52 PM Outgoing MAIN 4141 police dept. EJW
 Thelma - (asked for clerk's office and talked to Benny)
 Go upstairs and see John and Clara Carroll in for D & D
 Benny - OK.

4:14 PM Incoming RAG
 Joe - Anybody come in with \$10 for me?
 Thelma - No, Joe, nobody's been here.
 Joe - Well, he should be there before now. OK then

4:22 PM Outgoing MAIN 6221 RAG
 Man - Time please
 Woman - 4:22

4:26 PM Incoming RAG
 Man - Mr. Aronsen, this is Mr. Hoffman.
 Man - Yes.

Man - If you'll bring in those trousers to that Palm Beach suit we'll give you a new suit.
Man - Alright, I'll do it tomorrow.

4:49 PM

Incoming RAG
Man - This is the turnkey. There is a fellow here named Willie Hays in for D & D and resisting an officer. His folks are here and the judge has set a \$500 bail. He wants to talk to you.
Man - I'll be over right away. Thanks.

5:05 PM

Incoming RAG
Man - Dave this is Hymie, is Muz around?
Man - No, I haven't seen him all day. (talk on personal business)

6:01 PM

Incoming RAG
Man - Is Abe there?
Man - No, but he'll be back in an hour.

6:02 PM

Outgoing ADAMS 4141 police dept. RAG
Man - Turnkey, please
Man - Turnkey, Ehrhart speaking
Man - Do you have a George Bootman up there?
Ehrhart - Wait, I'll see. We got a George Bootman here.
Man - Yes, that's the one, what's his bond and what is the charge?
Ehrhart - He's here for assault and battery and drunk and disorderly. Bond of \$75 for both charges.

6:07 PM

Incoming RAG
Man - Is either one of the Wittenbergs there?
Girl - One of them is across in the Safety Bldg.
Man - Will you have him call Taylor 0089 and ask for Mr. Hoff when he comes in.
Girl - Yes, I will. He should be back in a minute.

6:20 PM

Outgoing Taylor 0089 (recorder showed 9089) RAG
Man - Augie, this is Wittenberg.
Augie Hoff - I got a lady here whose husband is locked up on a liquor charge. Can one of you boys run out here to my office at 4th and Main and talk to her?
Wittenberg - When was he brought in?
Hoff - Wait a minute - been in since Monday.
Wittenberg - He's probably in the workhouse.
Hoff - Yes, he's in Milan.
Wittenberg - Well we can't do anything in Federal Court. We're all tied up there until the first of the year.
Hoff - Oh, I didn't know that. Who could I get?
Wittenberg - I don't know anybody in town. It's pretty hard you know. We're all tied up till the first of the year and we got to wait for our release before we can do anything there.

Hoff: Well, this lady is from Sandusky and I'd like to take care of things while she is here.

6:24 PM Outgoing Main 0389 No answer RAG

6:26 PM Outgoing Jefferson 4947W RAG
Man - Is Nate home?
Woman - No, he isn't, who is calling?
Man - This is Wittenberg. I called the store and he isn't there.
Woman - If you call in ten minutes he should be here.

6:28 PM Incoming RAG
Man - Is Abe there?
Man - No, but he will be back later. Any word?
Man - Well I'll call him later.

6:34 PM Incoming RAG
Man - Meyer, is Muz there?
Man - No he isn't. I got that fellow out for Nate.
Man - That's alright, but be sure you tell Muz about that strike business.
Man - Well nobody's been calling.
Man - Be sure Muz is straight on that union business. Let him know.

6:36 PM Outgoing Jefferson 4947W RAG
Calls number twice but each time gets the special operator. She says she will investigate and call him back at Main 9711.

6:38 PM Incoming RAG
Operator has obtained Jefferson 4947W
Man - Is Nate home yet?
Man - Hello.
Man - I took that fellow out and sent him on his way home. He had \$5.00 on him, but it will take \$10.00, as he had two charges, assault and battery and D. & D.
Man - OK, I'll see you later.

6:43 PM Incoming RAG
Woman - Is Dave there?
Man - No he isn't.
Woman - See if you can get a hold of him, it's very important. Tell him to call Taylor 2220W and ask for Tony.
Man - Alright, I will.

6:58 PM Incoming RAG
Man - Give me a bond for Willie Mae Whitner and one for Willie Haines.
Man - What is that - two women?
Man - No, one man and one woman.

6:59 PM

Outgoing MAIN 7748 (doubtful)

RAG

Man - Is Ike there?

Ike - Hello

Man - (Says something that sounds foreign)

Ike - Right away?

Man - Yes, now.

7:05 PM

Outgoing (number not obtained as recorder stuck) RAG

Man - Is Harry there?

Harry - Hello, who is it?

Ike - This is Ike - Look on the sheets under 2013, 5th row for 586874 - there's 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ more coming.

Harry - The sheets are in the office, I'll get them in the morning.

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Re: BREKID

Confidential Informant Clayton Hall, who is now employed by the Holland Furnace Company at Youngstown, Ohio, called at this office on Saturday, July 18, 1936, for the alleged purpose of advising this office that in the event that it was necessary to communicate with him in the future, he could be reached by placing a telephone call to the office of the said Furnace Company, or by addressing a letter to him in care of General Delivery, Youngstown, Ohio.

During the course of the conversation with Informant Hall, he indicated that it was his desire to secure possession of a Ford car which is the property of Fred Hunter and is stored in Marino's Garage at Youngstown, Ohio. He requested that a letter be written to the said Garage Company, directing the said Company to turn the said car over to him. Mr. Hall was informed that such action, of course, could not be taken and then he made inquiry as to the possibility of his initiating some sort of a legal action to secure title to the said car, he, Hall, explaining that he did at one time have the title papers to the said car in his possession, but that he has long since destroyed them by burning them in a fire. Mr. Hall was advised that this office could give him no assistance in the matter of advising him as to what, if any, legal action he could take to secure custody of the said car, it being mentioned to him that Fred Hunter would have to authorize the delivery of the car to whomever he, Hunter, desired to have the same, as the car apparently is the property of Fred Hunter.

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According to Clayton Hall, about six weeks ago Post Office Inspectors Sylvester Hettrick and J.T. Cordrey came to see him and endeavored to have him, Hall, accompany the said Post Office Inspectors^M. to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of making a statement concerning the agreement he, Hall, entered into with Bureau representatives and Post Office Inspectors. Mr. Hall stated that he told the Post Office Inspectors that it was his understanding when he was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Connelley and Post Office Inspectors at Youngstown, Ohio, that any information which he, Hall, furnished was to be for the joint use of both services. He stated that the Post Office Inspectors apparently were interviewing him with the objective of endeavoring to secure credit for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell. While Hall would not say so positively, he intimated that the said Post Office Inspectors felt that they were double crossed by

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S.A.C. Connelley in connection with the handling of the Brekid investigation. It was Clayton Hall's belief that the said Post Office Inspectors were endeavoring to secure information with the objective of embarrassing S.A.C. Connelley.

Hall further stated that the said Post Office Inspectors made inquiry as to why he, Hall, could not be reached when he, Hall, was in Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas. Hall stated that he told the Inspectors the entire truth, that is, that he was not hid away and that he did not receive instructions from any Bureau representative not to cooperate with the Post Office Inspectors. He stated that he did not tell the Post Office Inspectors that he was in New Orleans and related that he advised the Inspectors, just as he was advising the writer, that he did not want to become involved in any fight that might occur between the Bureau and the Post Office Inspection Service.

He stated that he would not talk or make a statement to anyone in regard to the matter of his conference with the Post Office Inspectors other than S.A.C. Connelley or Special Agents Madala and McNulty, with whom he was in close contact during the period immediately preceding the apprehension of Subjects Campbell and Karpis. He stated that if Mr. Connelley interviewed him, he would furnish Mr. Connelley with all information, but that if Mr. Hoover or anybody else wanted to get information concerning the statement he made to the Post Office Inspectors, he would refuse to give such a statement.

To the writer's inquiry as to whom in Washington he was to make the statement, Informant Hall related that he could not recall and suggested that the writer name some people in Washington, that he might be able to recognize the name. Accordingly the writer mentioned the names of Aldrich, Moran, Anslinger, and he, Hall, stated that he thought the name of Moran was familiar. The writer, however, is inclined to believe that Hall's intimation that Moran was the person, whoever Moran might be, that he was to make the statement to, is merely a guess on his part.

Clayton Hall advised the writer that Bureau representatives had talked to him first and that on the following day the Post Office Inspection Service placed him under arrest. He stated to the writer that he would not have talked to the Post Office Inspectors in that he knew that the Post Office Inspectors had nothing on him and that the only thing he feared was a possible prosecution by the Bureau of him on harboring charges.

Hall stated that the last time that he saw any Government representative was about six weeks ago, on the occasion when Inspectors Hettrick and Cordrey called on him to secure a statement from him concerning the promises that were made to him, Hall, to induce him, Hall, to act as informant to effect the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell.

Hall stated that he was fairly treated by the Bureau and indicated that he has very high regard for S.A.C. Connelley. He stated that for some unknown reason he was placed on the black list at the steel mill in Youngstown and he has been unable to ascertain who was responsible for having him black listed. Hall stated that the only money he received from the Post Office Inspectors was \$25.00 or \$30.00 on the night that he left for Hot Springs, accompanied by Bureau Agents.

It seemed as though the primary objective being sought by Informant Hall in calling at this office was to secure the Bureau's aid in the matter of acquiring title to the automobile of Fred Hunter which is now in Marino's Garage at Youngstown.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFarland
J.P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge

JPM/lrl
cc - Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 23, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

I have noted considerable activity by the Agents on the special squad working at Toledo on regular investigative work of the Cleveland office.

I conferred with Acting Special Agent in Charge Ross as to these agents helping him out on one particular extortion case which I agreed could be done without interfering with the investigation at Toledo as to the harboring cases. In the future it is requested that the agents assigned to the special squad be allowed to continue on their activities unless some unusual emergency should arise, and if possible then it is desired that you communicate with me before assigning these agents to any work other than the harboring cases.

It is noted that Special Agent H. B. Lill is to report to Washington on July 27th for retraining and in this connection it is believed that this will be possible if another agent is assigned at Toledo to replace him relative to the telephone tap he is now maintaining.

Very truly yours,

L. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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CC Bureau

Cincinnati

St. Paul

Special Agent Duran at Toledo, O.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 23, 1936.

Time - 8:55 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Gordon Dean of the Department telephoned me relative to a memorandum which was prepared for your signature to Mr. McMahon concerning a recommendation for a light sentence for Byron Bolton in connection with his participation in the Hamm and Bremer Cases. He said that with Mr. McMahon's memorandum to you requesting such an opinion and recommendation, they forwarded a letter which they received from USA Sullivan at St. Paul, to which there was attached a copy of a report submitted by one of the Agents of the St. Paul Office. Mr. Dean said that Mr. Sullivan's letter and its enclosure were not returned, and he was wondering if we might send it to him.

This was subsequently taken care of, and the letter in question, together with its enclosure, were returned to Mr. Dean.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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July 22, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Hertz Drivursel Stations, 420 Water Street, Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$24.80.

You are advised that the charges in the voucher represent expenses incurred by a Special Agent of this Bureau in connection with a surveillance being conducted by him in Toledo and the surrounding vicinity of persons suspected of participation in the Bremer Kidnaping Case. Because of the fact that there was no Government automobile available in this instance, it was essential that a car be rented in order to perform the investigative work assigned to this Agent.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Laboratory Report

Case:

July 20, 1936.

Number:

7-576-12408

Breid.

Specimens:

- A. Four pages of the sample handwriting of Harold V. Alderton.
- B. Four pages of the sample handwriting of Harry Campbell.
- C. Four pages of the sample handwriting of Thomas H. Robinson, Junior.

Examination requested by:

Kansas City Office

Date received:

7/17/36

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

(No general search of the anonymous file has already been made with certain of the gangsters' handwritings and another is to be made in about a week or as soon as the remaining gangsters are all included. At that time the above specimens will be utilized and any information obtained will be furnished. This means of handling the matter has been adopted because of the large number of comparisons which necessarily must be made and in order that no waste of time and effort may occur.

- 3 - Bureau (1 for Lynam; 1 for Stolnap)
- 1 - Kansas City
- 1 - St. Paul
- 1 - Cincinnati
- 2 - Mr. Connelley - Chicago
- 1 - Cleveland
- 1 - Portland
- 1 - Louisville
- 1 - Nashville
- 1 - Chicago
- 3 - Laboratory (1 for Lynam; 1 for Stolnap)

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 17, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #1143437

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Cincinnati
Mr. Connelley - Chicago
Cleveland
Portland
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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S. A. FILE NO. 7-41

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE July 22'36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/22/36	REPORT MADE BY J. C. White
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1232, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">It was ascertained from the Texas State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, that 1935 model Plymouth Sedan motor #PJ-322772, 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan motor #2044337, and 1935 Ford Coupe motor #18-429014 were not registered in the State of Texas for 1935 or 1936. Alarm cards were placed in the files of the above department and this Bureau office will be notified in case they are registered for licenses in the future. R.U.C.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Reference: Letter directed to New York office from E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, dated July 18, 1936, from St. Paul, Minn.</p>			
<p><u>DETAILS:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Texas State Highway Department, Automobile Registration Division at Austin, Texas, advises that 1935 model Plymouth Sedan motor #PJ-322772, 1935 model Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan motor #2044337 and 1935 model Ford Coupe motor #18-429014 were not registered or licenses issued in the State of Texas for the years 1935 and 1936. Alarm cards were placed in the files of the above department and should they receive a notice that any of the above cars are registered in the State of Texas and licenses issued this Bureau office will be immediately notified.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">There is no indication in the file that the stop order had been cancelled on the 1935 model Ford Coupe motor #18-429014, therefore, the stop order placed with the Highway Department at Austin, Texas, is still being maintained.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">There being no further investigation necessary in this district and should any of the above cars be registered in the State of Texas this Bureau office will be notified immediately and this case will be reopened for further investigation, if necessary, this case is: <u>Referred upon completion.</u></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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FRED HUNTER GETS TWO YEARS

Companion of Alvin Karpis
Sentenced to Federal Pen-
itentiary at Atlanta.

NEW ORLEANS, May 27.—(P)—
Fred Hunter, arrested in New Orleans
May 1 with Alvin Karpis, allegedly St.
Paul kidnaper, pleaded guilty before
Judge Wayne G. Borah today to a
charge of conspiracy to harbor Kar-
pis and was sentenced to two years
in Atlanta penitentiary.

Hunter was arrested in a raid head-
ed by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the
federal bureau of investigation.

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Fred Hunter

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Lila Mae Toiletries
The Aristocrat of Ladies Dressing Table
Pacific Coast Laboratories
Hollywood, California
July 18-36

L. M. Cox
Pacific Coast Representative
1230 Cabrillo Ave
Venice, Calif.

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Chief of Police
New Orleans, Ala. (?) La. AUG 17 1936

Dear Sir

I just read in the newspaper about the arrest of one Fred Hunter, who was connected with the Karpis gang. Now if that is the same Fred Hunter I know he is a deserter from the U. S. Navy he came to my home in 1931 broke and out of work I had known him many years ago while I was living in Minneapolis.

I came to Calif shortly after the war was over & married a native son of Calif shortly after our marriage Ted Bowles appeared and asked me to call him Fred Hunter, as he had deserted the Navy, and my husband put him to work, but he only stayed here for a short time, but before he left I got a letter from a girl in Chicago who was a telephone operator. The letter

he wrote me that he had married her
up with the promise he would, once to Cely
and through me get work & send for her as
he had married her before leaving, but he
told me when he arrived here that he had
been married while abroad so that would
make him married twice.

I wrote to this Anna Stevens and told her
all I knew about him and told her he was
already married before he married her at
least that is what he told me when he deserted.
All this took place in 1919 the year I married Mr
Cox. Fred or Ted disappeared and I heard no more
about him till 1931. Shortly after my return from
abroad, he came to my home again and again
he was broke & ragged and out of work. He asked
me if he could have a room in one of my
houses, as I have two on one lot. I live in one
and rent rooms in other and I told him yes.
I boarded him as well for I felt very sorry
for him, but for my kindness he stole one of
my beautiful diamond rings also, and also
a Chinese dragon ring with jade setting and to
do this he got a Jew driver and unscrewed
the hinges of the locks or the staples. In this
same manner I had about \$350.00 in cash
stolen all of this and so I understood, after

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he left for Oklahoma City. I have never heard
or seen him since and never hope to.

If you will please send me a photo of him I
will let you know if he is the Fred Hunter
I am speaking about. His real name is
Ted Bowler and he has a father & mother living
somewhere ^{in Oklahoma} but they are separated. He has several
brothers & sisters I think, but he confessed to me he
had been crooked all his life and he has never
been known to tell the truth, Ted Bowler stammer
when he talks he is about 5-5 or 6 pale gray eyes
light hair, and some of his teeth are missing.

I helped him get started in a punch board
business at least I loaned him about \$80. or \$100.
but he was never able to stick to any one thing
long enough to make a success of it -

Now if this information ^{used} is good in any way
will you use it, as every word is the truth &
if he only got 2 years he will be right back
at his dirty work as soon as he is released.

Respect Mrs. L. M. Cox

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August 13, 1936

Mrs. Lillian M. Cox,
1333 Cabrillo Avenue,
Venice, California.

Dear Madam:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter dated July 28, 1936, addressed to the Chief of Police, New Orleans, Louisiana, please be advised that from the facts contained therein I am unable to advise you whether the Ted Bowles, alias Fred Hunter, to whom you refer is identical with the Fred Hunter who was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at New Orleans, Louisiana on May 1, 1936.

I regret to advise you that this Bureau does not have available a photograph of Fred Hunter which can be furnished to you at this time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Los Angeles
St. Paul
Cleveland
Cincinnati
E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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S. E. STONE
SHERIFF VOLUSIA COUNTY
DELAND, FLORIDA

July 18, 1936

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

From a reliable source I have received the information that some of the Bremner kidnapping money will be passed or brought within this territory within a month or so. In view of this fact if you will send one of your best men down and have him interview Mr. W. M. Slaughter of the Sheriff's office he can give you all the information which as I hear it seems to be "Hot stuff" and of value in this case.

Please let us hear from you. Will appreciate any communication addressed to me, E. W. Osteen, Box 145, DeLand, Florida "Personal".

Yours very truly

E. W. Osteen
Deputy Sheriff

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Mr. E. W. Osteen,
Deputy Sheriff,
Box 145,
De Land, Florida.

Dear Mr. Osteen:

Please be assured of my appreciation of the receipt of your letter dated July 18, 1958, in which you advise you have learned from reliable sources that some of the Bremer ransom money will be exchanged in your territory within the course of the next month.

I am accordingly bringing this information to the attention of Mr. R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 412 U. S. Court House and Post Office Building, Jacksonville, Florida, who will arrange to have an Agent interview you and Mr. W. M. Slaughter of the Sheriff's Office in De Land, Florida, with regard to this matter.

Again expressing my appreciation for the information furnished by you, and with expressions of my sincere desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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July 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
ET AL;
Edward George Bremer, Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto copies of a letter directed to the Bureau by Mr. E. W. Osteen, Deputy Sheriff, De Land, Florida, dated July 18, 1936, and copies of the Bureau's reply thereto, reflecting that certain quantities of the Bremer ransom money will be brought into the territory in the vicinity of De Land, Florida, during the next month.

So far as the Bureau has been able to determine, approximately \$60,000.00 of the Bremer ransom money was exchanged in Chicago during the Spring of 1934, while approximately \$100,000.00 of the said money was exchanged by Cassius McDonald in Habana, Cuba, during the first part of September, 1934. It would, therefore, appear that there is approximately \$40,000.00 of this money outstanding which has not yet been exchanged.

It is desired that you arrange to have an Agent immediately interview Messrs. Osteen and Slaughter at the Sheriff's Office in De Land, Florida. You should advise the Bureau promptly of the results of these interviews.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Paul
Mr. Connelley at Chicago.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

July 24, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the
offices listed below are copies of a letter written
by Alvin Karpis, Subject in instant case, to Dolores
Delaney, an inmate of the United States Detention
Farm, Milan, Michigan, under date of July 15, 1936.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke

H. H. Reinecke *LD*
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-St. Paul (enclosure)

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Envelope addressed:
Miss Dolores Delaney
P. O. Box 1000
Milan, Michigan

(Postmark: St. Paul, Minn., July 16, 1936)

Return address:
404 New York Bld.
St. Paul, Minn.

Alvin Karpis
July 15th, 1936
St. Paul, Minn.

Dolores Delaney
P. O. Box 1000
Milan, Mich.

Dear Dolores, I received your letter and was very glad to hear from you. I am glad to hear you enjoyed your visit with the folks. The weather has been rather tiring hear in St. Paul for the last week. I hope it isn't too hot in Milan. I received a few letters from Chi this past week. Things are about the same as usual their. I am writing this letter later than I usually do as I was waiting for some thing that I wanted to find out about. Things are about the same as always here in jail. I dont know how much longer I will be here. I wouldnt be surprised if they were to take me to Elevenworth in the next 2 weeks. It is getting rather tiresome here in jail. I would much rather be their instead. I am sorry to hear magazines are not permitted as I remember you liked the Cosmopolitan very much. Well when you get out you can read magazines to your hearts content. I was talking to my attorney about that \$1000 bill in Florida. I expect to hear from home in a day or two. Emily asked me about coming down to see me. But I would much rather she would get permission to see you that way you could get to see Ray a lot more often then you do. How are you getting along? I hope you are feeling alright - the folks said you were looking fine. I hope you are released soon. Speaking of toots, do you remember when the revolution was going on in Cuba and her husband George had to work so hard some times 26 and 28 hours a day? I thought I would fall out of the chair laughing. I often wonder what is inside her head. I sure hope the weather changes here in the next few days. How would you like to be out at Long Beach tonight? I certainly would enjoy a swim this evening. I am not going to write a long letter this time but will try to find more to write about this coming Sat. you know I write to you every Sat. But as I said I de-layed writing this one. Well I guess I will close for this time. Be a good girl and behave. Love.

Al.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

629 First National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

July 24, 1936

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID
WEYNAP
STOLNAP

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with Bureau letter of July 1, 1936 in the above entitled matter in which the Bureau requested that various specimens in handwriting and handprinting be secured from Jess Doyle at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Special Agent J. R. Green of this Office on July 14th interviewed Jess Doyle at the aforesaid institution at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Agent Green advises that JESS DOYLE absolutely refused to furnish any such specimens, informing this Agent that he had been caught napping before and didn't propose to let the Bureau catch him off guard again; that he (Doyle) couldn't see what good could come to him from it and took a very obstinate and defiant attitude; that he indicated he had a special grievance against some of the Bureau agents, but would not go into detail concerning same, and stated he was giving out no information to anyone, and that he had requested the prison officials not to bring him up for interview with law enforcement officers or agents no matter who they were with; that if he could see some special advantage to him he might be induced to furnish the requested handwriting specimens but would not do so at this time.

Frank Weigant, Deputy Warden, State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska had, prior to this Agent's interview with Doyle, informed Agent Green that Doyle was of a very obstinate and obstreperous type; that because of his infractions of the rules a short time since had been placed in solitary for a period of three months; that various law enforcement officers from different states had come to the Penitentiary to interview Doyle in an effort to secure information relative to investigations they were making, but that Doyle had refused to furnish any of them with information of any kind, and on previous occasions had requested him (Weigant) not to call him up to the Warden's Office for interview when law

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enforcement officers in the future desired to interview him; that he had informed Doyle that whenever law enforcement officials requested to confer with him he would be compelled to come to the Warden's Office for such interview. Deputy Weigant stated that it was not within his power to compel prisoners to furnish information to outside law enforcement agencies, but that as long as he was Deputy Warden, prisoners would be compelled to come to his office for requested interviews of this nature.

Mr. Weigant further informed Agent Green that Jess Doyle frequently corresponded with persons on the outside, all of which mail went through their office, which was in charge of a civilian clerk, and that within the next three weeks they would furnish the Omaha Bureau Office with certain letters written by Doyle which they did not care to reach the party to whom addressed.

In accordance with the above arrangement Deputy Warden Weigant mailed to this office a letter written by Jess Doyle, their Number 12369, under date of July 16, 1936, addressed to Miss Viola Shea, Station D., Cudahy, Wisconsin, care of Mrs. D. Welbes, consisting of two pages, and same is being enclosed to the Bureau. When similar letters are received in the future they will be forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



R. A. ALT,
Special Agent in Charge.

JRG/DR
Enc. (1)
CC - Portland
St. Paul
Louisville

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ADDENDUM: Since writing the above letter there has been received at this office from Deputy Warden Weigant another letter written by Jess Doyle to Miss Viola Shea, Station D., Cudahy, Wisconsin, care of Mrs. D. Welbes, dated July 14, 1936. This letter is also being forwarded to the Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BREXID
KIDNAP -
STOLNAP.

Number: 7-576-12412

Specimens:

7-576-12412 A. Known handwriting of Jess Doyle consisting of - two stamped envelopes addressed to Miss Viola Shea, Station D, Cudahy, Wis., and three sheets.

Examination requested by: Omaha

Date received: 7-30-36 jwp 2:00 PM

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

CC: St. Paul
Cincinnati
- E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cleveland
Portland
Louisville
Nashville

*It will be compared with
anonymous writings when
identical more known names.*

1410 P.M. 1. INDEPENDENT BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JULY 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
F. L. Ward, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 7-22-36, in this case
which sets out an undeveloped lead for the Kansas City Office
to conduct investigation at Coffeyville, Kansas.

Inasmuch as the Bureau has previously instructed
that Coffeyville, Kansas leads in this case were to be handled
out of the Oklahoma City Office, it is requested that this lead
be covered by you.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

WAS:os

cc - Bureau
St. Louis

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111 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia
July 24, 1936

Mr. W. L. Joiner
Director
Motor Vehicle License Bureau
109 State Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I request that you notify me if 1933
Standard Ford Coupe, Model 40, bearing motor #18-129014,
has been registered in your office.

If same has not been registered, please
place a stop notice against it and notify me if it
is registered at any time in the future.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this
matter, I am

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau
Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

7-576-12415

110 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

ADH:MGR
7-45

July 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, N.Y.

Re: "BREKID."

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. B. Dickerson, dated at New York City, 7-16-36, under the caption "WILLIAM MILES, known with aliases, I. O. 1354; ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE" which requests advice as to additional investigation to be made in this case.

It is respectfully requested that the investigation relative to the individuals who defrauded W. C. Tuttle of Cincinnati, Ohio, of \$30,000.00, in a confidence game be continued and that every effort be made to ascertain the identity of these men, inasmuch as there is a possible violation of the National Stolen Property Act involved. Copies of all reports relative to this matter should be furnished to the Charlotte Office, inasmuch as the \$30,000.00 secured from Mr. Tuttle was taken by these individuals at Charleston, S.C.

In view of the desire of the Bureau to secure as much information as possible concerning confidence men and their operations, it is suggested that the New York Office should follow out all leads in this case, which may result in valuable information concerning the operations of confidence men.

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Very truly yours,

7-576-12416
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
Chicago
Cleveland
Los Angeles
Buffalo
Phoenix
St. Paul
Charlotte

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RENO
July 24, 1936

PERSONAL

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

RE: Newspaper article Las Vegas
Review Journal - July 20, 1936.

The enclosed newspaper came to my attention yesterday containing an article entitled "Reno Figures Again". This paper is published in the southern part of the state at Las Vegas, Nevada. You will note from reading the editorial it covers a broad scope concerning the prevalence of crime and the coming of criminals to Reno.

In my opinion there is merit in the editorial and the only reason I am calling it to your attention is so that you might see what is being said in other parts of Nevada and also to advise you that this office stands ready and willing at all times to take part in the enforcement of our laws.

Recently I noticed by the papers that reference was made to the trial in Saint Paul to the exchange of the Bremer kidnaping money in Reno. I would like any information that you might see fit to give me in connection with this matter and also in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, as this office is anxious to try and clear up a bad situation that has existed here for sometime past. I know your office desires the same thing.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ E. P. CARVILLE

E. P. CARVILLE,
United States Attorney

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
July 24, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions of the Bureau and the written order of Alvin Karpis, mentioned in the letter from the St. Paul office to the Little Rock office dated July 17, 1936, there is being shipped to the Chicago office via Railway Express under Government Bill of Lading a wardrobe suitcase containing the personal effects of Alvin Karpis and which are described and lined in detail in the enclosed unexecuted receipt.

I am also enclosing herewith two keys to this suitcase as the same is being shipped in a locked condition.

It is requested that the suitcase be delivered to the Chicago office, 100 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, and have the enclosed receipt which should be returned to the Little Rock office for the completion of our files.

Very truly yours,

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WLB:cmh
cc Bureau ✓
cc St. Paul
cc Cincinnati
cc Cleveland

CHURCHMAN BENTON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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7-576-12417
JUL 27 1936 A.M.

FBI:SD

August 12, 1936

Honorable E. P. Carville,
United States Attorney,
Reno, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Carville:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 24, 1936, to which was attached an editorial entitled "Reno Figures Again", which appeared in The Review Journal, Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 20, 1936.

My attention has previously been directed to the splendid cooperation which you extended to representatives of this Bureau, and I was particularly pleased to receive your communication of the 24th again expressing your willingness to be of assistance in matters of mutual interest.

On the basis of information previously obtained, an investigation was conducted in Reno, Nevada and vicinity to determine whether any of the Hams ransom money was exchanged through the underworld element at that point. The information disclosed was not of such a nature as would permit of prosecution in Nevada. Investigations in several of the major cases being handled by this Bureau have disclosed that numerous persons whose whereabouts have been sought took up residence in Reno. There has been no showing, however, that any process of arrest was outstanding in Federal Court for those persons implicated in the Ham and Bremer abductions at the time of their residence in Reno. I am confident that you have been fully advised of all matters pertaining to the prosecution of those persons in Reno, Nevada who were in any way involved in the John Paul Chase and Lester Joseph Gillis matters.

Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin has been the Bureau's Resident Agent in Reno, Nevada for a considerable time. He has been instructed to cooperate closely with your office and to make full disclosures to you of those matters which are of mutual interest. Please be assured that the results of investigations in which you have an interest will be brought to your attention by Mr. McLaughlin.

Again permit me to thank you for the interest which prompted you in directing to me your letter of July 24, 1936.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

cc-Salt Lake City

Post Office Box 812
Chicago, Illinois.

July 25, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

During the course of the investigation conducted by the Bureau to locate Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, your office, as well as the Kansas City Office, conducted considerable investigation to locate Milton Lett, an associate of the fugitives in this case, with no success.

It is believed desirable at this time that the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices resume their activity with the view of locating Milton Lett, in order that he can be interviewed in an effort to obtain information from him concerning the activities of the individuals who harbored Alvin Karpis and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at Cleveland, Toledo, Youngstown, and Canton, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau
Cincinnati
St. Paul
Cleveland
Kansas City

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7-576-1241

Post Office Box 811
Chicago, Illinois

July 26, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The Chicago Office is in possession of a photostatic copy of the fingerprints and photograph of Bert Angus, Bureau of Identification, State Department of Public Safety, Lansing, Michigan, No. 80391.

It is requested that your office immediately secure from the Bureau of Identification, State Department of Public Safety, Lansing, Michigan, photographic copies of the fingerprints and photograph of Bert Angus, and furnish several copies of the same to the Cleveland Office for use in conducting investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau
Cincinnati
Cleveland
St. Paul

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7-576-12114
JUL 27 1936

Post Office Box 815
Chicago, Illinois

July 11, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

Re: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 2, 1936, requesting advice as to whether the stop notices placed with the District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Ellis Island, New York, for William J. Mitchell and Clarence Heberbrand, should be cancelled.

While the original purpose in conducting investigation concerning Mitchell and Heberbrand was to locate Alvin Karpis and other fugitive members of the Karpis-Barker gang, it is requested that this stop notice not be removed, in view of the fact that these two individuals should be interviewed concerning the persons who harbored Karpis and other members of the gang in Cleveland, Ohio, if and when Mitchell and Heberbrand return to the United States.

You further request advice as to whether the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent S. L. Dawson, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated April 19, 1936, which required investigation concerning the identity of H. C. Perry, 71 Fifth Avenue, New York City, should be covered. It is noted that this lead was for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of Mr. Perry, who on September 21, 1935, made a trip by airplane from Little Rock, Arkansas, to New York City. At the time this lead was originally requested, it was thought likely that Mr. Perry might be identical with a subject of this case.

For your information, there is an associate of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell by the name of "Sam" who has never been further identified. "Sam" is described as follows:

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Age	About 45 years
Height	5' 10"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Brown, streaked with gray.

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by some
features

fairly heavy
fairly large nose.

It is possible that this "Sam" may have been in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with Alvin Karpis, and information to date is that "Sam" was originally from New York City.

It is therefore deemed advisable that you conduct the appropriate investigation to determine the identity of H. C. Perry, bearing in mind that there is a remote possibility that Mr. Perry might be identical with the "Sam" in question.

Very truly yours,

D. W. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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7-82

CC: Bureau ✓
St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 7/23/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/2,3,6,7,10,12,13,14/36	REPORT MADE BY C. H. OLSON <div style="text-align: right;">ELB</div>
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases-FUG.I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lloyd Kennedy employed by Metal Glass Products Company, Belding, Michigan was passenger on Pennsylvania Air Lines Trip #8, Detroit to Cleveland, on May 2, 1936. Efforts to locate Kennedy in Detroit or Belding, Michigan to date unsuccessful. Kennedy was to arrive Erie, Pennsylvania on 7/14/36. Information teletyped to Pittsburgh Office. R. D. Pollock, Algonac, Michigan advises all records of Pollock-Davis Motor Company, Cleveland, have been lost and that he has no knowledge of sale of Ford Coupe, Motor #18-429014 to Charles Miller, Cleveland on 2/4/35. Pollock unable to identify photograph of Harry Campbell. Pollock suggested contact Walter Stickel, former Used Car Manager, now at Madison, Ohio. Letter written to Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, requesting stop notice be placed against Ford Coupe, motor #18-429014. Ford sedan motor #2044337 not registered State of Michigan. Leila Armstrong contacted at Frankfort, Michigan and it was ascertained Walter R. Armstrong, her brother, had been incarcerated in Michigan State Penitentiary, Jackson, Michigan in the year 1928, being paroled in 1932 and that Armstrong was not Dr. Joseph P. Moran. Criminal records and</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Reinert</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">7 1576 + 1242</div> <div style="text-align: right;">JUL 27 1936 AUG 1 1936</div>	
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description of Armstrong obtained from Police Department, Lansing, Michigan. Assistant U.S. Attorney, William G. Comb, Detroit, authorized the returning of the two small tapestries and bath mat to Wynona Burdette; same returned to her at U.S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan on 7/10/36; appropriate receipt obtained. Wynona Burdette advises that photograph of Charles E. Bowman with aliases is not a photograph of the individual she knew as "Dutch" at whose place Campbell stopped near Joplin, Mo.

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REFERENCES:

Letter from Cleveland to Detroit dated 5/19/36.

Teletype from Detroit to Pittsburgh dated 7/14/36.

Letter from Cleveland to Detroit dated 6/4/36.

Mimeographed letter to all Field Offices from Cleveland dated 6/17/36.

Report of Special Agent, John B. Little, Oklahoma City, Okla. dated 4/24/36.

Letter from Chicago to Detroit dated 5/1/36.

Bureau Letter to Detroit dated 6/9/36.

Teletype from Indianapolis to Detroit dated 7/12/36.

Report of Special Agent J. E. Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana dated 7/13/36.

Report of J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pa. dated 7/11/36.

DETAILS:

With reference to Cleveland letter to the Detroit Office dated 5/19/36 in which they advise that the Cleveland Office

had received a letter dated May 12, 1936 from the Bureau (7-576) advising that the following telegram was received by the Bureau from Lloyd Kennedy mailed at the Air Port, Cleveland, Ohio, May 2, 1936:

"Suggest you contact Dr. Schwab and Cobb on Karpis. Schwab at Boston Psychopathic has new surgical technique on brain photography. Cobb at Massachusetts General now repeating Pavlov and needs humans instead of dogs for a change."

Investigation at the Air Port by the Cleveland Office disclosed that the Pennsylvania Air Lines on May 2, 1936 had a reservation made at Detroit, Michigan for a passenger named Kennedy from Detroit, Michigan to New York via Cleveland, however, this reservation was cancelled and passenger Kennedy did not make the trip. The Pennsylvania Air Lines advised that passenger, Kennedy may have made the trip from Detroit to Cleveland on May 2, 1936 and if such was the case, his address would be on the records of the Pennsylvania Air Lines in the Detroit Office and had he arrived about noon on May 2, 1936 in Cleveland, he would have been a passenger on Pennsylvania Air Lines Trip #8.

The writer contacted W. C. Wilson, Ticket Agent, Pennsylvania Air Lines, Detroit, who ascertained from the records of the Pennsylvania Air Lines that one L. W. Kennedy who gave his address as Erie Trust Building, Erie, Pennsylvania, left Detroit, Michigan on Pennsylvania Air Lines Trip #8 enroute to Cleveland, Ohio leaving Detroit 11:10 A.M. on May 2, 1936 and arriving at Cleveland, Ohio, shortly after 12 noon, same day - Kennedy traveling on return portion of a ticket issued at some point beyond Cleveland, Ohio - ticket used being form 24, No. 1631.

Mr. Wilson stated from the records, he could not determine the place at which the ticket was issued or the ultimate destination of Kennedy. He stated the stub of the ticket taken up by the Pennsylvania Air Lines for the passage of Kennedy from Detroit to Cleveland would be on file at the Auditor's Office, Pennsylvania Air Lines, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He stated the records showed Kennedy's personal weight as 170 lbs. and Kennedy carried two pieces of luggage weighing a total of 33 lbs. He stated Kennedy gave as his local address "Lenox 9000 - Apartment 369". From a cross index of telephone

numbers on file at the Detroit Office of the City of Detroit it was ascertained that Lenox 9000 is the telephone number of the Whittier Apartments, 415 Burns Drive, Detroit. Lenox 9000 is also listed to 10 other individuals, however, none are under the name of Kennedy. These individuals are evidently tenants of the Whittier Apartments which is one of the largest apartment buildings in Detroit.

Agent contacted R. Andrew, Room Clerk, Whittier Apartments, Detroit, who made an examination of the guest record and advised that no one by the name of Lloyd W. Kennedy had rented an apartment but apartment No. 369 was occupied by a Mr. Hamilton and family.

Efforts to locate Mr. Hamilton or any of his family at the time of Agent's visit at the Whittier Apartments were unsuccessful, however, subsequently Agent telephonically contacted the occupants of Apartment 369 and was advised that Lloyd W. Kennedy had visited there around the 1st of May, 1936 but they did not know Kennedy's exact present whereabouts but thought Kennedy could be located either in Belding, Michigan or Erie, Pennsylvania.

W. S. Wilson, Assistant Postmaster, Belding, Michigan advised that Lloyd W. Kennedy was a transient in Belding, Michigan but was employed by the Metal Glass Products Company, Belding, Michigan as a stock salesman promoter.

At the Metal Glass Products Company, Belding, Michigan, Agent was only able to contact the foreman of the factory who called the Office Manager, a Mr. Calvin, who talked to Agent advising that L. W. Kennedy was enroute to Erie, Pennsylvania via Cleveland, Ohio and would arrive at Erie, Pennsylvania on July 14, 1936. Mr. Calvin was unable to give Kennedy's address in Erie, Pennsylvania but called Mrs. Lloyd W. Kennedy on the telephone who advised that her husband, Lloyd W. Kennedy's address in Erie, Pennsylvania would be 1313 Erie Trust Building or 429 Shimley Street and that her husband would be in Erie, Pennsylvania for from 1 to 3 days. She did not know when he would return to Belding, Michigan.

Agent's identity or the reason for desiring to contact Kennedy was not disclosed to Mr. Calvin, the foreman of the Metal Glass Products or Mrs. Kennedy.

A teletype was sent to the Pittsburgh Office on July 14, 1936 requesting Pittsburgh Office to locate and interview Lloyd Kennedy, upon Kennedy's arrival in Erie, Pennsylvania.

With reference to Cleveland's letter to Detroit dated June 4, 1936 in regards to Ford coupe, 1933 Model and Motor #18-429014, 1935 Ohio license EM-54 issued to Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio, said car purchased on February 4, 1935 from Pollock-Davis Motor Car Company, 11628 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, now out of business - it having been ascertained by the Cleveland Office that Harry Campbell using the alias, Charles Miller, had in his possession above automobile some time during the year 1935; this Agent contacted R. D. Pollock, owner and operator of a Mobile Service Station located about two miles North of Algonac, Michigan.

Mr. Pollock stated he had operated a Ford automobile agency in Cleveland, Ohio for about 25 years, the firm being known as Pollard-Davis Motor Car Company but that Davis had not been connected with the firm for over ten years. He stated his brother, D.M. Pollock and himself had operated the firm since. He stated the Ford Motor Company cancelled their contract about June, 1935 and as a result they had been forced out of business and during the course of liquidation of assets which had taken about two months, all of the records of the firm had been lost - evidently, taken away by some purchaser of fixtures. He stated he had no idea which purchaser might have taken their records, however, it is possible his brother, D. M. Pollock, might know.

He stated his brother when last heard from, had been living with his father-in-law whose last name is Wardell and who lives at Wardell's summer home located on Lake Shore Boulevard and who also has a home located on 115th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

He stated he does not recall anyone by the name of Charles Miller or the sale of instant auto to anyone and upon being shown the photographs of Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Doc and Fred Barber and other subjects of this case, Pollock failed to identify them as anyone he knew or had seen.

Pollock stated Walter Stickel, Route 3, Madison, Ohio and who is presently employed at the Stanton Motors, Painesville, Ohio had been in charge of the Used Car Department of the Pollock-Davis Motor Car Company in Cleveland and that Stickel might recall the sale of the Ford coupe, Motor #18-429014 to Charles Miller, Cleveland, Ohio on February 4, 1935 and that Stickel might also have a record of the deal in a personal book which Stickel kept. Pollock also stated that Stickel's nephew whose name he doesn't remember, might recall the instant sale of Ford coupe.

In connection with the mimeographed letter to all Field

Offices from Cleveland, Ohio dated 6/17/36, a letter has been written to the Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, requesting a flash card be filed against 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor #18-429014 and that if this car is registered in the State of Michigan, the Detroit Bureau Office be advised.

With reference to a teletype from the Indianapolis Office to Detroit Office dated 7/12/36 requesting that Leila Armstrong be interviewed at Frankfort, Michigan where she was visiting at the home of Mrs. O. A. Rogers for a few days, the purpose being to secure information as to the present whereabouts of her brother Walter R. Armstrong, alias Dr. Ormiston, in accordance with the above request, Leila Armstrong was interviewed on July 13, 1936 at Frankfort, Michigan. She stated she had not seen or heard from her brother for the last three years; that Walter Armstrong was the black sheep of her family, having been arrested several times and having served a sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan on a charge of forgery, being originally arrested in Lansing, Michigan in the year 1928 and paroled in the year 1932 or 1933.

She stated at the time of Walter Armstrong's arrest in Lansing, Michigan, Armstrong had forged a doctor's signature to a check and stated she could not recall the name of the doctor. She stated that on a number of other occasions her brother had posed as a doctor. She stated that about 8 years ago her brother had been a patient at the Veterans' Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn. being treated for the drug habit and at that time she had visited her brother at the Veterans' Hospital.

She stated her brother was involved in some kind of an automobile accident at that time and was employed by a finance company and as she remembers, it was either the Associated Investment Company or Merchants Credit Company and that Armstrong embezzled a considerable sum of money from this company and she and her brother, Ralph Armstrong (now deceased), had made good with the investment company.

She stated her youngest brother, Paul Armstrong, who resided at 2840 Ewald Circle, Detroit, and who was Assistant Superintendent of the Lincoln Park High School, Lincoln Park, Mich. might be able to advise the present whereabouts of her brother Walter Armstrong.

She stated her brother's full name is Walter Raymond

Armstrong. Upon being shown the photograph of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, subject in this case, she stated it was not her brother.

Miss Armstrong furnished considerably more information in regards to her brother, Walter Armstrong, which is being omitted from this report as report of Special Agent, J. L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pa. dated 7/11/36, shows that Walter Armstrong had been located and interviewed - Walter Armstrong admitting he used the name of Dr. Robert Carville Ormiston and that it has been definitely established Armstrong is not identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Lieutenant William Cleeves, Police Department, Lansing, Michigan, arresting officer of Walter R. Armstrong on 8/7/28 at Lansing, Michigan, stated he was unable to recall Armstrong, however, he located in the records of the Identification Bureau of the Lansing Police Department the criminal record of Armstrong. The following information is being taken from copy of a letter addressed "PD Milwaukee, Wisconsin" dated 10/11/35 from Bureau of Criminal Identification, Lansing, Michigan, being their file #44353 and is noted as follows:

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The following description was taken from the fingerprint card on file with the Police Department, Lansing, Michigan:

Name
Age
Weight
Height
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Nationality
Born
Occupation
Marital Status
Resident address
Fingerprint classification

[REDACTED]

Lieutenant William Cleeves loaned Agent a photograph of Walter R. Armstrong, being Michigan State Penitentiary #23858 with the request that this photograph be returned to the Lansing Police Department as soon as it has served its purpose. The photograph is being returned to the Lansing PD as requested by Lieutenant Cleeves.

D. B. Parent, Assistant Parole Officer, Michigan State Pardon & Parole Board, 308 Transportation Building, Detroit, was contacted and allowed Agent to examine the parole records of Walter R. Armstrong. The information obtained is being omitted from this report.

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Parent was unable to advise if the apprehension of Armstrong was still desired by them. Mr. Parent was telephonically advised as to the location of Armstrong as reflected by the report of J. L. Follan dated 7/11/36 so that in the event the State authorities desire to file a detainer against Armstrong, they could do so.

Paul Armstrong, brother of Walter R. Armstrong, was located at the Y.M.C.A., Highland Park, Michigan, where Paul Armstrong has charge of the young boys of the Y.M.C.A. during the summer vacation. However, the information obtained from Paul Armstrong in regards to his brother, Walter R. Armstrong, is now of no value and is being omitted from this report. It is mentioned however, that upon being shown photograph of Walter R. Armstrong, Michigan State Penitentiary #23858, Paul Armstrong immediately identified it as a photograph of his brother, Walter R. Armstrong.

With reference to Bureau letter to the Detroit Office dated June 9, 1936 (Bureau #7-576) in which the Bureau stated that before returning to Wynona Burdette the two small tapestries and one bath mat which are presently in the Detroit Office and having been obtained by Special Agents in the apartment formerly occupied by Wynona Burdette and Harry Campbell of Cleveland, Ohio, the matter be referred to the United States Attorney having jurisdiction and be guided by his advice in the premises.

In accordance therewith Agent contacted Assistant United States Attorney, William G. Comb, Detroit, Michigan, who stated that the two small tapestries and bath mat referred to having been properly identified by Wynona Burdette as her property (and as the tapestries and bath mat had no value as evidence in this case) they should be returned to Wynona Burdette and appropriate receipt obtained, incorporating in the receipt a clause releasing the government from any liability in holding the property of Wynona Burdette.

On July 10, 1936 Agent returned to Wynona Burdette at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, the two tapestries and bath mat referred to and obtained from Wynona Burdette an appropriate receipt in which a clause was incorporated releasing the government and Bureau Agents from any responsibilities in the holding of the tapestries and the bath mat. The receipt is being retained in the Detroit files.

With reference to report of Special Agent John B. Little,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 4/24/36 which set out a lead to the Detroit Office to interview Wynona Burdette at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, exhibiting to her a photograph of Charles E. Bowman with aliases to determine whether or not Bowman is the party at whose place Wynona Burdette said Campbell stopped near Joplin, Missouri; a letter from the Chicago office dated May 1, 1936 requested this interview be not conducted until after Wynona Burdette had testified in the case against Duke Randall and Joseph Adams.

Superintendent John Ryan, U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, advised the Detroit Office on 5/28/36 that Wynona Burdette had been subpoenaed as a witness in the Southern District of Florida and was to leave on May 29, 1936. It appeared to the writer that she had testified against the individuals mentioned and when Agent returned to Wynona Burdette the two tapestries and bath mat mentioned previously in this report on 7/10/36, several photographs were shown to Wynona Burdette including one of Charles E. Bowman with aliases mentioned in John B. Little's report of April 24, 1936. Wynona Burdette was unable to identify any of the photographs as anyone she had seen or knew and when asked if she recalled anyone by the name of "Dutch", she stated she did - Dutch being the name of an individual at whose place Campbell had stopped near Joplin, Missouri. Wynona Burdette's attention was called to the photograph of Charles E. Bowman and she stated the photograph did not resemble Dutch in the least.

Reference is made to a copy of a letter addressed to the Cincinnati Office from the Chicago Office dated 5/13/36, a copy of which was furnished the Detroit Office, in which it was suggested each field office review its file and advise the Chicago Office the number of stop notices still outstanding on auto believed to have been in the possession of subjects in this case. A thorough examination of the Detroit Bureau file by Special Agent W.B. Matney revealed that the Detroit Office has the following stop notices still outstanding in connection with instant case:

Buick Sedan - Motor #63052198 - Serial No. 2895972
Plymouth Sedan - Motor #PJ322772 - Serial No. 2619857
Buick Sedan - Motor #1104299
Ford V-8 - Motor #18493080
Pontiac Sedan, 1933, Motor #935155 - Serial No. 815227.

This information was supplied to the Chicago Office by letter dated May 19, 1936.

With reference to copy of a letter to the Cincinnati Office from the Chicago Office dated 6/15/36 which was furnished the Detroit Office suggesting that each field office, if it has not already done so, place stops on 1935 Plymouth sedan, Motor PJ322772 and 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, in accordance therewith a letter was written to the Secretary of State's office at Lansing, Michigan requesting a stop notice be placed against Ford V-8 Tudor sedan, Motor #2044337.

Orville E. Atwood, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan advised this office by letter dated 7/1/36 that Ford sedan, Motor #2044337 is not registered in the State of Michigan.

No request was made in regard to the Plymouth sedan, motor #PJ322772 as a wanted notice has already been filed in regard to this particular car and as suggested in this letter, wanted notices previously filed by this office in regard to the following cars are being withdrawn:

Buick sedan - Motor #63052198 - Serial No. 2895972
Buick Sedan - Motor #1104299
Ford V-8 - Motor #18493080
Pontiac Sedan, 1933, Motor #935155 - Serial #815227.

With reference to Bureau letter dated 6/12/36 to the Detroit Office in which it was requested that immediate arrangements be made to cover the conversation between Alvin Karpis' mother and father and his small child with Dolores Delaney on their visit to the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan on June 16, 1936, in compliance therewith, the writer on June 16, 1936 accompanied by Night Typist, L. B. Church, proceeded to the U.S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan where Superintendent John Ryan was contacted and arrangements made so that a sound recording machine could be established. A microphone was set up in the Interviewing Room and tests were made in which conversation held in the Interviewing Room could be clearly heard over the ear phones situated over three rooms away by both Agent and Night Typist, Church, Church making shorthand notes of the conversation between Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis' father and mother. The results of the conversation were furnished the Bureau by letter dated June 25, 1936 with copies furnished to D. J. Connelley, Chicago Office, St. Paul, Cincinnati and Cleveland Offices, and therefore is being omitted from this report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

PITTSBURGH OFFICE at ERIE, PA. will endeavor to locate

Lloyd W. Kennedy as requested in teletype message dated July 14, 1936 from the Detroit Office and if unsuccessful will advise the Detroit Office so that further efforts can be made by the Detroit Office to contact Lloyd Kennedy,

CLEVELAND, OHIO at MADISON, OHIO is requested to locate Walter Stickel, Route #3, who is possibly employed by Stanton Motors, Painesville, Ohio and interview him for any knowledge he might have in regards to the sale of 1933 Ford coupe, Motor #18-429014 by Pollock-Davis Motor Car Company, Cleveland, Ohio on February 4, 1935 to one Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio - Charles Miller evidently being identical with Harry Campbell.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
July 24, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul office to the Little Rock office under date of July 17, 1936, enclosing an order signed by Alvin Karpis directing that his personal effects be forwarded to his father in Chicago.

By a comparison of the items listed in this order with the items of men's apparel, etc., listed in the memorandum of Special Agent B. I. Cruise and which memorandum lists personal effects recovered in the raid near Malvern, Arkansas, it will be noted that several articles of clothing are not claimed by Karpis but he stated probably belonged to Fred Hunter.

It is requested that the Little Rock office be advised as to what disposition should be made of these personal effects.

Very truly yours,

Chapman Fletcher
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul
cc Chicago
cc Cleveland
cc Cincinnati

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent
J. P. Moran, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 2, 1936 and
to report of Special Agent E. C. Roberts, San Francisco,
California, dated May 1, 1936, the first named report re-
questing that copies of correspondence of prisoners Gerald
Nestor and Thomas Wilson, Alcatraz Prison, Calif., be for-
warded to the Chicago Bureau Office.

Later date of July 9, 1936, copies of the
correspondence of the above named prisoners covering a
period of six months from April 1, 1936, to September 30,
1936, has been received from the Alcatraz Prison.
The correspondence is being held pending the
advice of the Bureau as to whether or not it should
be returned to the Alcatraz Prison.

Copies of this correspondence are being for-
warded to the Chicago Bureau Office for their information
in this case, but retained as it is that the Chicago
Bureau is requesting copies of this correspondence in in-
quiry of the location of subjects Moran and Campbell, the
cover on the mail of the above named prisoners will be dis-
continued unless instructions to the contrary are received.

RECORDED Very truly yours,

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Mr. Clegg

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. #1218, et al; Edward
George Bremer, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 24,
1936, inquiring as to the disposition to be made of the
personal effects of Fred Hunter.

It is requested that your office prepare an
itemized list of these personal effects which are obviously
the property of Fred Hunter and forward the same to the
Bureau Office. The Bureau Office should then proceed
to determine if the property is the property of Hunter
and if so, the personal effects should be turned over to him. If
he admits ownership of these items, written authorization
should be obtained from Hunter by the Atlanta Office
stating specifically the disposition which Hunter desires
made of these effects. As soon as this authorization has
been obtained, the Little Rock Office should immediately
and without any delay dispose of the items in accordance
with the request and authorization of Hunter.

The Bureau desires that this matter receive your
immediate and prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc St. Paul
Cincinnati
Cleveland
Atlanta
N. Y. C. Office, Chicago, St. Louis

Post Office Box 2112
Detroit - Michigan
July 24, 1936

cc: MARY

Re: BREKID ✓

Mr. John J. Ryan
Superintendent
United States Institution Farm
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This will acknowledge receipt of photo-
static copies of letters addressed to Margaret Haley
and Dolores Delaney, both inmates of your institu-
tion.

The letter addressed to Mrs. Haley was
dated July 18, 1936, and was from Cleo Benney, Hotel
Croft, Tacoma, Washington.

The letter to Dolores Delaney was from
Alvin Karpis, dated July 15, 1936.

Thank you for your cooperation in
these matters, I remain,

Very truly yours,

RRH:AK

R. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio.**

FILE NO. **7-4**

REPORT MADE AT Omaha, Nebraska.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/23/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/8 to 7/11 & 7/14 to 16/36.	REPORT MADE BY J. L. FLOOD - RMW
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. C. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">William Elmer Mead apprehended at the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Nebraska, 7-8-36, by Agents of Omaha Bureau Office. He offered no resistance and was unarmed. Mead was thoroughly questioned in cases Bureau interested and related matters, but he claimed to have no knowledge thereof. Upon instructions of Mr. E. A. Tamm, Mead was delivered by Agents to the U. S. Commissioner's Office, Omaha, on 7-9-36, where members of U. S. Marshal's Office and Postal Inspector Vernon Batie took him in custody. Complaint filed by Postal Inspector Batie against Mead on 7-9-36, on Federal indictment pending at Jacksonville, Florida, and Mead was taken to Jacksonville on 7-11-36. Disposition sheet submitted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Office dated 7-7-36, and report of Special Agent V. E. Criss, Chicago, 7-16-36.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS:

On July 7th, 1936, Mr. K. R. McIntire of the Bureau at Washington, D.C., advised the writer he had been instructed by Mr. E. A. Tamm to inform the writer that Agent V. E. Criss, of the Chicago Office, was leaving Chicago at 6:25 P.M., via Chicago, North Western Railroad, in company with Informant Charles O. Long, and they would arrive in Omaha at 7:20 A.M. on July 8th, 1936; that at Omaha, Long would meet William Elmer Mead at the Fontenelle Hotel. Mr. McIntire further advised that in the event Mead was apprehended, all press releases would come from the Bureau in Washington, in accordance with the established rule governing such matters; further, that Mead was to be taken into custody quietly and without any unnecessary display of firearms, and that the Informant was to be arrested as well as Mead.

Shortly after the writer talked to Mr. McIntire, Special Agent A. H. Johnson, Chicago Bureau Office, telephoned the writer, advising that if possible arrangements should be made for the Informant to go to the Omaha Bureau Office, so the Agents who were going to shadow him could become acquainted with him. Agent Johnson further advised that the proposed meeting between Long and Mead was to take place at the Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon, on July 8th, 1936, where Mead was registered under the name of Dr. Niles; that in all probability the meeting would not take place at the Fontenelle, but Long would likely receive a telephone call instructing him to proceed to some other hotel at Omaha for the actual meeting; therefore, it appeared necessary to have Agents continually keep Long under surveillance.

It was believed desirable to have Agents J. N. Franz and R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr., of the Omaha Bureau Office, board the train on which Agent Criss and Long were riding, and discreetly contact Agent Criss and render him any assistance possible, and it was thought that possibly Mead would meet the train at Omaha, or have an associate meet Long, so in order to properly cover the situation it was important that two Agents be able to identify Long so he could be easily shadowed. Accordingly, Special Agents Abbaticchio and Franz were driven to Denison, Iowa, by Special Agent Kenneth Logan, where the Agents spent the night. Agents Abbaticchio and Franz boarded the train at Denison, Iowa, at 4:50 A.M. Agent Criss had previously telegraphed from Clinton, Iowa, that his accommodations were Lower 10, Car 51, on Chicago and North Western train scheduled to arrive at Omaha at 7:20 A.M. Agent Logan returned to the Omaha Bureau Office. At 6:30 A.M.

Agent Abbaticchio discreetly contacted Agent Criss, who explained that Informant Long had talked to Mead from Chicago and had arranged to meet Mead in the lobby of the Fontenelle Hotel, as indicated in the telephone call from Special Agent Johnson; that the Informant was working with the Bureau and that he, Criss, was not openly contacting him on the train, but upon arrival at Omaha the Informant would register at the Paxton Hotel under the name of C. O. Loftis and would, at 9:45 A.M., proceed on foot to the Fontenelle Hotel, where he would inquire at the desk for Dr. Niles, the alias used by Mead; that the Informant did not know whether Mead was to be registered at the hotel or whether he would receive a message as to where to meet him.

Agents Abbaticchio and Franz observed the Informant on the train and it was arranged among Agents Criss, Abbaticchio and Franz, that upon arrival at Omaha Agent Criss would proceed directly to the Omaha Office, and that Agent Franz would take a taxicab and endeavor to arrive at the Paxton Hotel prior to the Informant and observe him register and keep him under observation; that Agent Abbaticchio would contact the writer at the Union Station, Omaha, and these two Agents would follow the Informant to the Paxton Hotel.

The Chicago and North Western Train arrived at 7:20 A.M. at the Union Station. Agent Flood went down to the train shed and met Agent Abbaticchio, who pointed out Long. Agent Logan was at the Station, as previously instructed, so as to have two cars if necessary to trail Long and associates of Mead if they appeared at the Station. Plans were formulated by the writer at the Omaha Office whereby two Bureau cars would be available at the Paxton Hotel and three Agents to keep Long under surveillance and trail him when he left the hotel to meet Mead at the Fontenelle Hotel.

The writer and Agent Abbaticchio proceeded to the Fontenelle Hotel on July 8th, 1936, around 7:30 A.M., to effect arrangements with the Manager, Karl Heumann, whereby Agents could be placed in advantageous positions to observe Mead and cause his apprehension. The clerk at the desk informed Agents that Mr. Heumann was expected to arrive in his office within fifteen minutes. No inquiries were made of the clerk as to whether Dr. Niles was registered at the hotel, as Mr. Heumann has, in the past, cooperated with the writer on several matters and he is the proper person to contact.

Mrs. Minnie Koch, who is in charge of the several telephone booths maintained at the Fontenelle Hotel by the Northwestern Bell Tele-

phone Company, is considered by Federal investigative officials working in Omaha as very reliable and dependable. Anyone making an outgoing call gives the number to Mrs. Koch, who dials same and assigns a booth to the client. She was shown a photograph of Mead and instructed if such an individual made a telephone call to make a note of same.

Agents Abbaticchio and Flood subsequently took a seat near the Manager's Office to await his arrival. Around 8:00 A.M. Agents Abbaticchio and Flood observed a man who bore a striking resemblance to Mead, both in his features and physical proportions, walking nervously around the hotel lobby. This individual sat in a chair, the back of which rested against the left side pillar as one enters the hotel. This chair is segregated from the rest of the chairs. The chair in question faces the entrance. It seemed evident to Agents this individual, who later proved to be Mead, planned to meet Long just as the latter entered the hotel and thereby preclude Long from asking for him at the desk. There was no question in the minds of Agents Abbaticchio and Flood but what this individual was Mead, so it was decided to pick him up immediately, which was done in less than two minutes from the time Mead was first observed.

Agents Flood and Abbaticchio, from different sides, approached the individual seated in the chair and stooped down to question him. Agent Flood asked him as to what his name was, to which question he responded, "Dr. Niles". Agent Abbaticchio then asked him if his name wasn't Mead and after hesitating a few seconds, he admitted his identity. Agents informed Mead they were Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, and requested him to accompany them to the Bureau Office. Agents did not disclose their identities until Mead gave the name of Niles and later admitted his identity, as it was thought Mead would more quickly respond, as he would think Agents were associates of Long and the latter had sent them to contact him. It seems, probably for this reason, Mead without hesitation first said his name was Niles.

While Mead was still seated in the chair he was quickly but thoroughly searched for firearms. Mead was unarmed and offered no resistance. Agents did not display any firearms and Mead was taken into custody without anyone in the hotel being aware of what was happening. Mead accompanied Agents to the car in front of the Hotel Fontenelle and when he was seated in the car, he was again searched.

Upon the arrival of Agents Abbaticchio and Flood at the Omaha Bureau Office, Mead was taken through a doorway from which he could not see Agent Criss.

Agent Franz called the writer to advise that Long arrived at the Paxton Hotel at 7:30 A.M. and registered as C. O. Loftis, and was assigned to Room 826. Agent Franz was instructed to await the arrival of Agent Criss at the Paxton Hotel and then return to the office. It is to be noted that the only Agent to personally contact Long was Agent Criss. Agent Criss left Long at the Paxton Hotel and had him go through the arrangements, but none of Mead's associates appeared at the Fontenelle Hotel.

The writer telephonically advised Mr. Tamm of the Bureau of Mead's apprehension. Mr. Tamm instructed the writer to notify the Post Office Inspectors at Omaha of Mead's apprehension and permit them to question him, but no information concerning the circumstances under which Mead was apprehended was to be furnished.

The writer ordered Mead to remove his clothing and his body was examined by Agents Abbaticchio and Flood and Logan, in places where he could secret small capsules of poison and other articles of a contraband nature. His clothing and shoes were also searched. Mead was then given his underwear and trousers and a pair of slippers purchased at a nearby department store. As it was said that Mead had attempted to commit suicide when arrested by New Scotland Yard, London, England, in 1930, and the records show he escaped on August 15th, 1896, from his guard while enroute to San Quentin, California, where he was being taken to serve a three year sentence, the utmost precautions were taken during his confinement at the Omaha Office to prevent any such occurrences. At periods when Mead was not being questioned, Agents were assigned to stay in the detention room with him; however, at 9:00 P.M. on July 8th, 1936, this procedure was discontinued and an Agent remained on duty directly in front of the iron door to the detention room throughout the night and until Mead was turned over to the U. S. Marshal at 2:30 P.M. on July 9th, 1936.

Postal Inspector Vernon Batie, Post Office Building, Omaha, was informed of Mead's apprehension and location. Mr. Batie, who is about to be retired from Government service and who is very cooperative with Agents of this office, came to the Bureau Office around noon on July 8th, 1936. Mr. Batie said that he did not have any information in his files concerning Mead's activities; likewise, he knew nothing of the charge on

which Mead was indicted on December 15th, 1922, at Jacksonville, Florida, so he did not desire to question him. Mr. Batie was told he would be afforded the opportunity of questioning Mead at any time he desired. Mr. Batie did not ask any questions relative to the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Mead and, of course, was not given any information relative thereto.

Agents Abbaticchio and Franz interviewed W. E. Antrim, Assistant Manager of the Fontenelle Hotel, for the purpose of checking Mead's registration at that hotel, procuring his baggage and searching his room. These Agents noted the registration card revealed that Mead registered at the hotel as H. Nyles, San Antonio, Texas, and was assigned to Room 1028. He registered at 9:45 P.M. on July 7th, 1936. The Registration Card was Number 4505 and the Account Card was Number 8933. Mead made no telephone calls, received none and had no room service. William Donnelley, Doorman, Fontenelle Hotel, stated that he could not recall that Mead had a car when he arrived at the hotel; however, a check of the Fontenelle and Medical Arts Garages, the only garages where the Fontenelle Hotel sends cars, revealed that neither garage had a car belonging to a Mr. Nyles, nor one registered for Room 1028 of the hotel.

Agents Abbaticchio and Franz, accompanied by Mr. Antrim, went to Room 1028 and searched it thoroughly, but found nothing other than what was in Mead's bag and the toilet articles which were in the bedroom. Mr. Antrim permitted Agents Abbaticchio and Franz to take Mead's belongings. Agent Franz gave Mr. Antrim a receipt for Mead's personal effects. The articles, wearing apparel and papers found in the traveling bag of Mead were listed by Agents Franz and J. C. Sloane.

Immediately after the arrest of Mead, he was fingerprinted by Agent Abbaticchio and three sets thereof were forwarded to the Bureau. The following day, July 9th, 1936, it was believed advisable to again fingerprint Mead, which was done by Agent Logan, as his fingers were badly mutilated, and four sets were forwarded to the Bureau so they could be studied by fingerprint experts. Mead was photographed in standing and sitting positions by Agent Logan with the Reconar Camera, and the twelve exposures which turned out good are being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report.

After Mead had removed his clothes, they were searched by Agents Abbaticchio and Flood. In the right, inside seam, near the watch pocket of his trousers, Agents found eight \$20.00 bills and also a \$5.00 bill,

four \$1.00 bills and 44 cents in coins. This search was conducted in the presence of Mead and when he was asked how much money he had in his possession, he said either seven or eight \$20.00 bills and in addition \$9.55, making a total of \$169.44; however, when Agents Franz and Sloane searched Mead's clothing in his bag, a \$1.00 bill was discovered, which Mead advised he did not know he had, so the total amounted to \$170.44. The \$20.00 bills and \$5.00 bill were searched against the Lindbergh, Weynap, Stollnap, Brekid and Urschal ransom lists, without identification.

On July 9th, 1936, the writer was telephonically advised by Mr. Tamm that when Agents were through questioning Mead, to deliver him to the office of the United States Marshal at Omaha and accordingly advise the Bureau. At 2:30 P.M. on July 9th, 1936, Mead was handcuffed and taken to the office of the United States Commissioner, Mary Mullen, Omaha, by Agents Flood, Franz, Logan and Sloane. Through prior arrangements Chief Deputy United States Marshal Henry Meyers and Deputy United States Marshal Earl Young were at the Commissioner's Office and Mead was turned over to them. Also present were United States Attorney Joseph T. Votava, Assistant United States Attorney Ambrose C. Epperson, and Postal Inspector Batie. Deputy United States Marshal Young served the warrant on Mead and he was immediately arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty, and in default of \$50,000.00 bond, was confined in the Douglas County Jail, pending hearing set for July 11th, 1936. A complaint filed by Inspector Batie recited in substance that Mead, prior to February 6th, 1921, devised a scheme to defraud by depositing circulars and letters in the United States Mails, in violation of the Criminal Code of the United States.

The Bureau was advised by teletype on July 9th, 1936, of the above action of Agents delivering Mead to the office of the United States Commissioner and the results of his arraignment.

Mead was arraigned for Hearing on July 11th, 1936, before United States Commissioner Mullen. Mrs. Mead was present at the Hearing. She had employed Bernie Boyle, Attorney, Omaha, Nebraska, to represent her husband. United States Attorney Votava had subpoenaed Agent Flood as a witness at the Commissioner's Hearing. Mr. Votava learned that Mrs. Mead was endeavoring to raise the \$50,000.00 bond, so he made a motion before the United States Commissioner to have the bond set at \$200,000.00, as suggested by the Attorney General at Washington, D. C., which motion was granted, whereupon Mead's attorney waived Hearing. Federal Judge J. A. Donohoe signed the papers of removal. United States Marshal J. C. Byrnes and Deputy United States Marshals Joseph O'Grady and Earl Young left with Mead at 8:30 P.M., July 11th, 1936, for Jacksonville, Florida.

When Agents delivered Mead to the Office of the United States Commissioner, Agent Flood turned over to Mead, in the presence of Chief Deputy United States Marshal Meyers, all of his money, watch, wearing apparel, etc., a list of which was described in six typewritten pages. Mead was asked to check the list against his property, which he did and he thereafter signed his name, acknowledging receipt of same. Chief Deputy United States Marshal Meyers then took possession of Mead's property and he affixed his signature to the list. Mr. Meyers turned \$170.44 over to Mead's wife, who thereafter signed her name as Marie Mead to the list as receiving the money.

The writer examined a notebook found in Mead's possession, in which were written the following notations:

"Mrs. Louise Schoepflin,
2618 Dewey, Omaha,
Jackson 7744."

"Sam House,
Omaha, Nebraska."

Mrs. Schoepflin was interviewed at the above address, at which place she operates a rooming house. She advised that Mead was unknown to her. Mrs. Schoepflin was shown a photograph of Mead, whereupon she recognized this individual as a man calling on her about five weeks ago, endeavoring to sell some sort of stock, but as she was not interested she closed the door in his face and he did not gain entrance to her house. In the interview with Mrs. Schoepflin it was learned that in 1920 a man named Charles Gorman and his partner, a Mr. Murphy, who claimed they were from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, sold her \$300.00 worth of oil stock and they claimed the oil wells at some point in South Dakota were producing several hundred barrels a day. This stock proved to be worthless and it is quite likely she was placed on a sucker list which was sold to various crooked stock salesmen, and in this manner Mead probably secured her name.

Sam House is a gambler at Omaha and was at one time a lieutenant of Tom Dennison, a former political boss in Omaha who is now deceased. Mr. House has never been known to furnish any information to law enforcement officers. At the present time House operates the Diamond Cigar Store, 516 South 16th Street, Omaha, in the rear of which is located a large gambling room where nearly all forms of gambling are going on, including horse racing bets. In the rooming house on the second floor of his gambling

house, House has a telegraph room where he receives information on races, which service he sells to the various horse racing establishments in Omaha. Mr. House is known to be the contact man in Omaha through whom various out of town racketeers keep in touch with each other.

Agent Flood interviewed Mr. House at the above address. He advised that he had never met Mead, nor had any correspondence with him; that being a widely known gambler, evidently someone must have given Mead his name. Mr. House said that a few days after Mead was arrested, the latter's wife came to see him to ask his advice about the proper attorney to employ; that is, one who had the right political contact with Federal officials. He advised her to either see Bernie Boyle, who represents racketeers, or John Mullen, the latter a brother of Arthur Mullen, who until recently was Democratic National Committeeman from the State of Nebraska. Mr. House further advised that in his talk with Mrs. Mead she informed him Mead was a big time confidence man; that he worked in Chicago under the "payoff system" and said that certain police officers in Chicago, not naming them, always got a cut out of the profits when a "sucker was trimmed".

There was another notation in the notebook, "C. Hoffman, Room 1038, 190 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois". Mead, when asked about this, claimed Hoffman was a friend of his. The name of Allen K. Brevard, 146 Court Street, Confection Vending Machine Co., Seattle, Washington, was also written in the notebook. Mead claimed he was going to invest some money in this organization.

The following description of Mead was secured by Agent Flood through personal observation and questioning of Mead:

Name - WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, with aliases:

J. W. Reed, John Henry Foster, Edwin Elza Gaynor, Charles E. Carter, G. C. Chase, J. W. Barker, J. H. Parker, "Christ Kid", E. E. Laird, Edward E. Gaynor, C. C. Chase, John J. Meadows, Wm. E. Reed, "Judge", J. W. Reed, one Fuller, one Clark, C. L. Lane, C. E. Charles, Frank Taylor, Dr. John P. Carver, William E. Mead, William E. Meade, J. C. Walters, J. W. Parker, William Meade, Elmer W. Mead, Frank F. Taylor, John H. Foster, W. Elmer Mead, Dr. Niles, H. Nyles.

Description of William Elmer Mead (Cont.)

Age - 63 years; born July 1, 1873. (Previous information in file indicates Mead born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; however, he stated he was born near Springfield, Illinois.)
Height - 5 feet 10 1/2 inches
Weight - 150 pounds
Build - Light
Color of hair - Grey, partially bald
Color of eyes - Grey
Complexion - Medium ruddy
Mustache or beard - Wears a small, iron grey mustache
Condition of teeth - Upper front teeth attached to a bridge, gold fillings in front, lower false plate, considerable gold fillings on lower left side.
Marks and scars - Indentation scar from mastoid operation below lower right ear and under jaw; 2 moles above right hip opposite naval; scars on fingertips from operation in attempt to mutilate fingerprints; line droops from left side of mouth; left shoulder and left side of face partially paralyzed; backs of both hands and wrists of a copper color.
Peculiarities - Left eye frequently blinks; speaks with a querulous voice and is soft spoken
Eyeglasses - Wears rimless bifocal eyeglasses
Residence - Chicago, Illinois.
Occupation - Crooked stock salesman, confidence man and card gambler
Marital status - Married
Race - White
Nationality - American
Citizenship - American
Fingerprints, handwriting specimen and photograph indexed under FBI #271926, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Criminal Record - As contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., FBI #271926:

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[REDACTED]

The following notations appearing on Mead's criminal record,
are unsupported by fingerprints:

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[REDACTED]

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Mead was intermittently questioned by Agents Flood and Abbaticchio. He firmly refused to execute a signed statement, and at the beginning of the questioning he at first declined to execute a signed statement, and at the beginning of the questioning he at first declined to answer any questions, claiming such information as he might furnish would be used as evidence against him in the prosecution of the mail fraud case pending in Federal Court at Jacksonville.

Mead said that he was born near Springfield, Illinois, on July 1st, 1873, his father being A. T. Mead. The last address of his father was 123 North San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California. Mead claimed that his father died while he was incarcerated in the Colorado State Peni-

tentiary at Canon City, Colorado in 1924, but declined to say where his father died or submit proof of his death. His mother, whose maiden name he claimed was Mary Adams, died when he was about two years of age. There were no other children in the family. Mead stated he has no living relatives. He claimed to never have attended school. He was placed in an orphan asylum, the name of which he does not recall, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, at the age of five, and a few years later a Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison, farmers living near Des Moines, Iowa, adopted him. He remained with these people until he was about fourteen years of age, when he ran away and he has never seen nor heard from them since. Mead advised that he does not have membership in any organization or society, with the exception that in 1928, when he and his wife were attending a Catholic Church at 64th Street and Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois, he gave \$100.00 for a life membership in the Shrine of the Little Flower.

Continuing, Mead advised that when he was around twenty-one years of age he met a card player named Lijah Jones, at Moberly, Missouri, who taught him to play a square game of cards; that he acquired an expert knowledge of cards, poker, dice and the more skilful games of cards; such as Seven Up, Casino and Pinochle; that he became well known at the gambling houses he frequented in Goldfield and Reno, Nevada, Los Angeles and San Francisco, California; Butte, Montana; Kansas City, Missouri, and in many other States; that he was known as a "stake player", which means the house furnishes him with sufficient funds to sit in a game and he is permitted to keep half his winnings. Mead stated he considers himself one of the best card players in the United States and on a par with Nick the Greek, who is well known in Chicago but travels extensively to towns where gambling flourishes. Mead advised he finally drifted into the confidence game and selling stocks; however, he declined to discuss these angles of his activities. When asked how much his share totaled in confidence games in which he has participated, Mead declined to answer.

In reference to his first wife, Georgia Burke, Mead said he met her in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1898 or 1899, and they were married by a Justice of the Peace at San Francisco, California. They had no children. She came from some small town in Missouri. He lived with his first wife in San Francisco for about four years and supported her by gambling and playing cards. His wife was granted a divorce from him in San Francisco in 1902; however, he was not served any notice of the filing of the petition and the divorce proceedings, and secured his information from some gambler whose name he has forgotten. He stated that he never knew the parents or any relatives of his first wife, and does not know whether she is living or dead.

Mead advised he met his present wife, Katherine Schmitt, at Oakland, California, where he married her in 1914 under his true name. He never had any children by her.

Mead mentioned that he never carries small firearms on his person. He likes to hunt and has hunted for the most part in Montana and Wyoming. He would not disclose the names of his hunting companions or the places he frequents.

Mead advised that he arrived in Omaha around 7:30 P.M. on July 7th, 1936, from Chicago, but was reluctant to inform Agents what transportation he used, but indicated he came in by plane, using an alias which he would not furnish. He advised that he had no associates in Omaha and was not driving a car.

Mead further advised that he received a patent on some land located near Prineville, Oregon, where he and his wife resided intermittently from 1913 to 1920, and that this property was finally sold to a Fred Grines.

Mead advised Agents that he never could see anything irregular in the confidence racket, as the sucker always knew the game was crooked and expected to beat the confidence man; that the sucker entered into the crooked transaction and in the end was ultimately swindled. He said that he never worked in any town unless there was a "pay off system", meaning police protection; that several years ago Denver, Colorado, Jacksonville, Florida and Chicago, Illinois, were towns favored by confidence men because of the police protection, but he declined to name any police officers to whom he had ever paid any money or heard other confidence men had split their profits with.

Mead denied ever having any association with gangsters, especially Dillinger, Karpis, the Barkers, Homer Van Meter, etc., claiming that confidence men do not associate with gangsters, kidnapers and bank robbers, as these individuals would just as soon hold up the confidence man and take his money as they would anyone else, and the confidence men hold a contempt for gangsters; that Cassius McDonald, Detroit, Michigan, who is known to Mead although he claims never to have met him, is a smart confidence man, a good gambler and card player and considered one of the best in the United States and has always made a good living, and the confidence men were sur-

prised that he would associate with a kidnaping gang and change "hot" money for them. Mead stoutly denied that he ever participated as finger man, or in any other capacity, in the Brekid Case. He said it must sound reasonable, even to Police Officers, and it was their code that after they swindle a man, certainly they would not advise gangsters he was "easy picking", as it would put the confidence man on the spot and more than likely the gangsters would hold up the confidence man. Mead would not admit that he participated in swindling Martin Wunderlich, Contractor at St. Paul, or any of the other victims indicated in the Summary Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, dated January 6th, 1936.

The writer, on July 11th, 1936, at the County Jail, Omaha, further questioned Mead. At this time Mead advised that he was introduced to Dr. Wilhelm Loeser by his attorney, Louis Piquett, and Art O'Leary, Investigator for Piquett, at Elgin, Illinois; that Piquett said Dr. Loeser could change fingerprints. He talked to Dr. Loeser for a few moments and the latter said that he made a specialty of changing fingerprints, but did not mention anyone whose prints he had changed; that the agreed price was \$2,000.00; that as previously arranged, he met Dr. Loeser in the Louisville Hotel at Louisville, Kentucky, and there Dr. Loeser operated on his fingers in an attempt to change his fingerprints. Mead said that Dr. Loeser put a solution on his finger tips, one of the ingredients of which Loeser said was acid, and after leaving it on for several minutes, he scraped it off with an instrument, and repeated this procedure several times; that his fingers blistered but the operation was not painful and in six months his fingers healed. Mead advised that he gave Dr. Loeser \$200.00, which, it is noted, does not correspond with the statement Dr. Loeser made that Mrs. Mead paid him \$500.00. Mead said that he did not make any further payments to Dr. Loeser, as the latter was arrested shortly after performing this operation.

Mead said that Postal Inspector Herbert Graham, New York City, formerly had a stool pigeon named Bert Donaldson, who usually went around to confidence men and "shook them down", claiming that he was doing it in behalf of Graham; that in October, 1925, Donaldson came to him and said that for \$1,500.00 he could arrange it so Mead, by entering a plea of guilty, would receive a suspended sentence, or be placed on probation, and in any event would not serve any time in a County Jail or Prison; that Donaldson said he was authorized by Graham to contact Mead and his, Donaldson's, share was \$500.00 and Graham was to receive \$1,000.00; that he paid Donaldson \$500.00 at the first meeting and a few months later he met him in Atlanta,

Georgia, at the Georgian Courts, and paid him \$1,000.00. Mead claims that Joseph B. Ewing, an Attorney at Atlanta, has considerable influence with Graham and it is understood among confidence men who are arrested in Florida that they should see Ewing to get their cases fixed; however, he could not cite any specific case or give any definite information regarding cases that had been fixed. Mead said Bert Donaldson is now dead, having been killed at Atlanta, Georgia, a few years ago at a time when he had several thousand dollars in Liberty Bonds in his possession. Mead said it was generally understood among confidence men that John Boykin, Solicitor General at Atlanta, Georgia, wielded considerable influence over Graham and Boykin is contacted by confidence men who desire to get their cases fixed, which have been investigated by Graham.

Mead was questioned about the case in which he was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, and he advised that in his opinion his chances to beat this case were good, as Graham has never been able to place him in Jacksonville prior to the time Parker C. Morton, the Victim, was alleged to have been swindled. Mead confidentially advised Agent that Morton only saw him once and that was when he visited the latter's room and showed him some money and stocks in a bag; that he had no other contact with Morton and he feels the evidence in possession of the United States Attorney at Jacksonville is insufficient to obtain a conviction.

Mead still declined to furnish the names of his associates in the confidence racket, principally because he claimed such information could be used as evidence against him in the case at Jacksonville.

The major cases investigated by the Bureau, and particularly the kidnaping and bank robbery cases, were again discussed with Mead, and he denied knowing any of the perpetrators of these crimes and said he could not be of any assistance in furnishing any information whatsoever concerning these matters.

Attached to the Bureau copies of this report, are the photographs of Mead, taken with the Reconar Camera at the Omaha Bureau Office.

Attached to the Bureau and Cincinnati Bureau Office copies of this report, is a copy of the list, comprising six pages, upon which is listed all of the articles taken from Mead at the time of his arrest; also, attached to the Bureau and Cincinnati Office copies of this report, are photostatic copies of the following papers found in Mead's possession, which he claims were fictitious and used in the confidence racket:

Circular letter of Credit.

Admittance Card International Exchange, New York City.

Guaranty Trust & Bonding Co. Certificate, purporting to bond Franklin K. Joyce and James Stanley Boyd as Principals, and C. E. Blake, in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Letter addressed to J. H. Niles, Utah Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated May 5th, 1936, on the stationery of the Cut Bank Hotel, Cut Bank, Montana.

Letter addressed to "My dear Niles", dated May 1st, 1936, signed Frank A. Hortsell, on the stationery of the El Jardin Hotel, Brownsville, Texas.

Check in the amount of \$5,000.00, dated February 27th, 1936, drawn on the Knickerbocker Trust Co., New York, payable to the order of C. E. Blake, signed by S. S. Doyle, per P. E. Lake.

Check dated May 5th, 1936, in the amount of \$5,762.00, drawn on the City State Bank & Trust Co., McAllen, Texas, in favor of Mr. J. H. Niles, signed by Frank A. Hortsell.

Disposition sheet as to Mead's arrest by Bureau Agents in Omaha is submitted herewith.

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INVESTIGATION

OF JAMES

W. C.

CONFIDENTIAL
DO NOT DISCLOSE THIS INFORMATION

1-576-1242

Omaha, Nebraska
July 11, 1936

I have received the following monies, watch, knives, instruments, wearing apparel, etc. from Special Agent F. L. Flood, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Omaha, Nebraska, which articles were found in the possession of WILLIAM ELMER MEAD on the date of his arrest, July 8, 1936, at Omaha, Nebraska:

The following listed articles were found on Mead's person:

1	Black leather billfold	
8	\$20.00 bills	\$160.00
	Federal Reserve Note	J00133318A
	"	J00133319A
	"	J00133320A
	"	J00133321A
	"	J00133322A
	"	J00133323A
	"	J00133324A
	"	J00133325A
1	\$5.00 U. S. Note No. D44807443A	\$ 5.00
8	\$1.00 bills	8.00
	Silver Certificate	#D61833680A
	"	#097881434B (One of these silver
	"	#753344654A certificates was found in
	"	# D47778346A pocket of a coat in grip)
	"	#D64356428A
	Coinage.....	\$.44
	1 - 25¢ piece	
	3 - 5¢ pieces	
	4 - 1¢ pieces	
	Total	\$170.44
4	Metal slugs	
1	Pocket Knife - 3 inches	
1	White gold Hamilton Railroad Watch, 21 jewel, Case #0450706; works #007170 - with white gold chain and small knife attached.	
1	Pair blue sun glasses	
1	Brown Eversharp pencil	
2	Large rubber bands	

- 1 Small red memorandum book containing names and addresses
- 2 Small speed bandages, Johnson & Johnson
- 1 Small, round, white pill
- 1 Leaflet prayer to "St. Theresa", published by St. John's Church, 414 and Chestnut Sts., St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1 Piece of paper on which appeared the telephone number - "Dearborn 4468" and the name "Sam House".
- 1 Eppley Hotel envelope on which appeared Omaha Telephone number "Jackson 7744".
- 1 Card of "Metropolitan Bonding & Securing Co., Newark, N. J.,
reading -
"This certifies that Mr. Henry H. Nye, is herewith
fully bonded by this Company for the sum of
\$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).
Date from Jan. 1, 1935 to Jan. 1, 1936.
Height - 5 ft. 11; Age 34
Weight - 155 Eyes Gray
Hose - Medium Color Hair - Gray.
Signature of Bonded - "Henry H. Nye"
Pres. C. C. Dowd; Sec. R. R. Rose."

The following articles were found in Mead's brown leather Gladstone traveling bag:

- 1 Pair trousers, green, worsted, no labels
- 1 Belt on trousers, leather, gold buckle, initials "WPM"
- 1 Suit coat, brown, label "Helman Marcus Co. Men's Shop"
- 1 White & brown figured brown border silk handkerchief, in coat pocket.
- 1 Pair brown and white sport oxfords, wing toe, size 8 1/2 C, style B3177P from Hagan & Son, New York.
- 1 Pair black slippers from Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, #79011R5x
- 1 Pair shorts, white with green stripes, no size, no laundry mark
- 1 Cotton undershirt, Kanesco-Manhattan Shirt Co., size 38, no laundry mark.
- 1 Pair white shorts, Marshall Field Co., Laundry Mark "456 x 450, size 34.
- 1 White shirt, no trade mark, no size, for detached collar laundry band from Troy Two-Way Service, Phone 1672, launderers - Zoric Dry Cleaners.
- 1 Blue shirt, collar attached, Montgomery Ward - laundry mark "456", size 14 1/2-8

- 1 White shirt, Montgomery Ward, laundry mark "456", size 14-8
laundry band from "Troy Two Day Service" Phone 1472,
Laundiers, Zerie Dry Cleaners".
- 1 Brown shirt, white flaked, collar detached, no trademark,
laundry mark "456" (same laundry band)
- 1 Gray shirt, collar attached - no trademark, laundry mark "456"
- 1 White shirt, collar detached, laundry mark "456", no trademark or size
- 2 Van Housen soft collars - 1 Style Van Long 14 1/2, laundry mark
(H.H.V. & H.H.M. 456)
1 Style Van Hart, 14 1/2, laundry mark,
(456)
1 Style Van Long, 14 1/2, laundry mark
(456)
- 3 White handkerchiefs - 1 with initial "O" in blue in corner
1 with laundry mark "HVF"
1 " " " " "456"
2 plain
- 1 White handkerchief with blue border, laundry mark "HVF"
- 1 " " " " laundry mark "456"
- 1 White and blue design handkerchief, blue center, no laundry mark
- 2 Brown, orange and grey mixture knit neckties, no marks
- 1 Black satin tie, Fifield & Stevenson, Chicago.
- 1 Green & white striped tie, trademark "A. Sucks & Co., 6 So. Michigan
Ave., Chicago"
- 1 Greenish black design tie, "Anderson Bros. Chicago, Agents for
Rogers-Pest Co., N.Y."
- 1 Grey summer lightweight tie, reddish check, no marks
- 1 Brown tie, reddish figure, "Weiman Marcus Co., Man's Shop"
- 1 Clothes brush, brown leather back
- 1 Gem Micromatic Razor, 5 blades, all in Gem box
- 1 General Electric Mazda Light Lamp, #2330-32 & 2306-SV
- 1 Pro-tex-it bottle stopped
- 1 Box Nature Remedy tablets, 12 1/2 tablets
- 1 Bar greenish soap, Palmolive
- 1 Hotel size Palmolive soap, Gladstone Hotel, Casper, Wyoming
- 1 Carborundum pocket hone
- 1 Hotel size, Palmolive soap, Grabow Hotel, Livingston, Mont.
- 1 Glass bottle, containing small amount white powder.
- 1 Box borie acid crystals, Valgreen Co., Chicago
- 1 Bottle, 100 tablets, 5 gr size aspirin, Union Drug Co., Chicago
- 1 Copy Travel America Guide and Hotel Directory, 1935 Summer Edition
- 1 Copy of book entitled "The Story of the Grand Canyon and How it
was made" by Fred Harvey.
- 1 Silver Swank tie clip
- 1 12" ruler
- 1 Tube carbonated vaseline, half full
- 1 Tube Donnison's glue, #2 size, and box therefor.
- 1 Gillette blue blade
- 1 Razor blade
- 1 Gem razor blade

- 1 Copy, "Travel Guide" compliments of Eaton Service, Inc.,
North Platte, Neb.
- 4 Sheets of Denver Post published 6/26 or 27/24.
- 1 Paper sack containing various colored mending cotton and needles.
- 1 Copy small pamphlet entitled "Bait & fly Casting for Game Fish"
by Omark Ripley, compliments of Sears-Roebuck Co.
- 1 Black pocketsize English marcesse leather billfold
- 1 Set, art folder, Utah's National Parks.
- 1 Copy "Fishing Guide", Stuart, Florida
- 1 Box, C.R.C. pills, Arnold's Drug Store, Thermopolis, Wyoming,
containing 4 white tablets.
- 2 Boxes, Gem Micromatic Single edge blades
- 1 Small white envelope containing 1-3 grain exp. marked
"Calumet, safe & Jalap"
- 1 Large size nail file
- 1 Pair small scissors, G & S Wolkert
- 1 Pair nail scissors, Wiss stainless #6003
- 1 #2 soft lead pencil, black, Dixon's Metropolitan #968
- 1 Pair small tweezers
- 1 Cellar button
- 2 United Cigar store safety razor blades
- 1 Copy of Liberty magazine, issue of 5/28/26
- 1 Pad of blank checks (17) First Nat. Bank, Buffalo, Wyoming
- 2 Series of illustrated postcards (13) points of interest around
Santa Fe and San Jose, New Mexico.
- 2 Postcards adv. Hotel El Jardin, Brownsville, Tex.
- 2 Illustrated postcards, Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah
- 1 Postcard, Cedar Breaks, Utah
- 1 Small square glass mirror about 5" x 5"
- 1 Westlox Baby Ben alarm clock, radium face
- 1 Bottle (2 oz) Squibbs tasteless castor oil
- 1 Shaving brush, century brand.
- 1 Military hair brush
- 1 Large size bar palmolive soap
- 1 Shaving mirror, leather back, about 4 x 9
- 1 Package, Top Hat razor blades
- 1 Light socket, screw in type
- 2 Shoehorns, no name
- 1 Shoehorn, Mayfair-Lennox Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1 Tube Woodbury's Shaving Cream, almost empty.
- 2 Pair Sun glasses (orange colored rims)
- 1 Small size tube, Carter's Little Liver Pills (1 pill)
- 1 " " " containing 12 med. soft leads for pencil.
- 1 Box Goodrich Pure Rubber bands, assorted sizes

- 1 Leather belt, brown, fancy design, leather.
- 1 Green toothbrush, Ora-dent
- 1 Small size handbrush
- 1 Bar washing soap, white
- 1 Full tube carbonated vaseline
- 1 Blue & white wash cloth
- 1 Pair Paris side garters, new, yellow, enclosed in paper bag from Carson-Pirie Scott Co., Chicago.
- 1 Small size engagement book, reddish cover, for year 1933, containing various names & addresses.
- 1 Descriptive folder of Elia National Park published by the U. S. Dept. of Interior, National Park Service.
- 1 Pair white shorts, Marshall Field & Co., size 36, laundry mark "HF" and "455"
- 1 Soiled white handkerchief, laundry mark "HF"
- 1 Pair blue shorts, Manasco Manhattan Shirt Co., size 34
- 1 Pair brown silk hose, Yellow stripe, garter top
- 1 Pair black silk hose
- 1 Pair gray woolen hose
- 1 Pair grayish black woolen hose
- 1 Pair white & black summer shoes, Nettleton-Grosvenor style, size 9-8
- 1 Bottle (5th) Golden Wedding whiskey (about 2" on bottom of bottle)
- 2 Black Western Union envelopes
- 4 Western Union blanks with duplicate sheets attached
- 14 Celluloid tabs, bearing notation "Made in England" apparently for shirt collars.
- 3 1-mill tax tokens, New Mex. Bureau of Rev.
- 1 3-mill " " " " " "
- 1 1 1/2-mills retailers occupation token, state of Illinois
- 1 Large white envelope, return address "Franklin Arms Hotel", Fort Meyers, Fla., containing the following:
 - 1 Official cypher code of Metropolitan Breeders Association of America.
 - 1 Admittance card #4201, International Exchange, N. Y. City, made out in the name "Mr. C. E. Blake" signed by "J. E. Cole, Sec'y."
 - 2 Blank forms #639 and #640, headed "United Turf Exchange" with places thereon for straight, place & show bets.
 - 2 Blank customers credit orders United Turf Exchange for win, place & show bets, one endorsed by "J. C. Owens".

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(continued) - Articles in envelope of "Franklin Arms Hotel"

- 1 Customers Draft #1234, in the amount of \$5000.00, drawn on Knickerbocker Trust Co., N. Y., dated 2/27/36, payable to Mr. C. E. Blake, the names appearing on the bottom thereof, "For P. E. Lake" by S. S. Doyle.
- 1 Clipping headed "Unknown Plunger Cleans Up High Seas", from unknown newspaper.
- 1 Employee's bond form of Guaranty Trust & Bonding Co., New York City. States that this company is bound unto C. E. Blake in the amount of \$100,000, dated 12/1/35, Serial 1038, bears gold seal of above company. Bond is witnessed by J. M. Girk and D. O. Duke, but is not signed.
- 1 Small envelope, return address "The Brickell, Austin, Texas, W. L. Stark, Mgr.", bears 1/2 stamp and cancelled by typing "X" over stamp. Envelope contains the following:
 - 1 Check drawn on City State Bank & Trust Co., McAllen, Texas, May 5, 1936, pay to order to J. H. Miles, \$5,762.00, signed by Frank A. Hartwell.
 - 1 Letter written on stationery of Hotel El Jardin, Brownsville, Texas, dated 5/1/36, written to "J. H. Miles" by Frank A. Hartwell, presumably reporting that check of \$5762.00 supposed to represent royalties for Febr. March & Apr.
- 1 Letter written by George Chase to Mr. J. H. Miles, Utah Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated 5/5/36, advising that "We are down 1800 ft on the Tyler lease and that the Montana Power Co. has made offer of \$350,000 for our holding" Chase advised that they don't accept offer.

I, WILLIAM ELMER MEAD, acknowledge receipt of the above monies and described articles, which includes everything I had on my person and in my grip at the time of my arrest on July 8, 1936, by Agents of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, at Omaha, Nebraska.

Recd above property

W. E. Mead

Henry J. Meyer

Chief Deputy U. S. Marshal

Recd #170.44 in cash & vital

W. E. Mead

to whom Mr. Henry Hale, Nye.
kindly furnish funds in sums as desired up to an aggregate amount of
\$ Five Thousand %%% Dollars
against demand drafts —

We engage that such drafts will meet with due honor if negotiated
not later than December, 1, St., 1935.

Your charges to be borne by accredited party.

The amount of each payment must be endorsed on this letter and your negotiation of the draft will be considered a guarantee that the requisite endorsement has been made.

Each draft should state that it is drawn against Letter of Credit No. 764. and the letter itself must be attached to the draft which exhausts the credit.

We remain, Dear Sirs,

Holder's Signature

Yours Truly,

Holder's Signature Yours Truly,

Henry H. Trice J. S. Patterson

764

\$5000

Circular Letter of Credit

issued by

Union Bank and Trust Co St Louis, Mo.

June 17, Th. 1937

To Our Correspondents,

Gentlemen:

We beg to introduce to you and recommend to your courtesies to whom Mr. Henry Hale, Nye, kindly furnish funds in sums as desired up to an aggregate amount of \$ Five Thousand Dollars



Specifications of all Payments made under this Letter of Credit

Please endorse all Payments in Dollars, U. S. Currency, in which this letter is issued

Date when paid	Paid by	Dollars amounts in words	Dollars amounts in figures
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Total, \$

Admittance Card

No. 1201

International Exchange

New York City

This Certifies That Mr. C. E. Blake.

Whose signature appears on the back of this card is a member of
this Exchange and entitled to privileges extended to members of Main
Office and all Branches in accordance with provisions of Chapter VI,
Statutes 1919.

Not Transferable

C. E. Blake
SECRETARY

the above named principal, in the capacity of
Agent. and the said principal, having been required
to furnish a bond for his honesty in said position, NOW, if the said sureties above bounden shall
reimburse the said employer, for such pecuniary
loss as may sustain by any act of larceny, embezzlement or other dishonesty on the
part of the said Mr. C. E. Blake, the principal, in the perform-
ance of the duties of his office or position during the period of his employment of One Year.

From Dec, 1, 1935. to Dec, 1, 1936.

Provided, However, That the above bounden sureties, or either of them, may at any time
release themselves from this bond by giving to the Security Trust and Bonding Co.,
the said employer, sixty days notice in writing that he, or they, will be responsible
for the conduct or honesty of the said C. E. Blake,
after the date of such notice.

Witnesses:

W. E. Doherty
W. E. Doherty

(Seal)

(Seal)

(Seal)



Serial No. 1020

GUARANTY TRUST & BONDING CO.
of
NEW YORK CITY
NEW YORK



Know All Men By These Presents, That we, the
Guaranty Trust and Bonding Co., of New York.

as principal, and Franklin K. Joyce and James Stanley Boyd,

as sureties,

are held and firmly bound unto the said C. E. Blake,

in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars,
for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, ad-

ministrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of December, A. D. 1911.

The Condition of the Above Obligation is Such, That, whereas the said

American Horse Breeders has this day taken into their employment

C. E. Blake.

SERVICE

HOMELIKE

CUT BANK HOTEL

GEO. CHASSEL, MANAGER
PHONE 77

CUT BANK, MONTANA MAY 10, 1931

Mr. J. H. Niles.
Utah Hotel.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Niles.

Just a line to let you know how things are progressing here, everything is going along in good shape and we are down about 1/2 on the Tyler lease. If more to go, should be completed within the next two weeks.

As you stated in your last letter you expected to be here about June 1, 1931. Now you can be here at that time, the Montana Power Co, has made us an attractive offer for our holdings, \$100,000. I personally don't think we should accept it, but after you arrive we can decide.

Wishing you the best of health, I remain.
Yours truly.

Geo. Chassel

El Jardin Hotel

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS



MANAGER

LARGE ROOMS
BATHS
PRIVATE BATH AND CLOSET

RATES \$2.00 TO \$10.00
BRYAN, TEXAS

May 1. 1936.

My Dear Niles.

Inclosed please find check covering royalties, covering Feb, Mar, and April.
We are glad to report to that everything is going along in good shape,
any time you should change your mind in regard to leasing your other
5 acres we will be glad to do business with you along the lines we talked
about. trustint you are njoying your usual good health.

Respectfully.

By J. R. L.

Frank A. Hortell





McAllen, Texas, May 5, 1935, No. 1275

CITY STATE BANK & TRUST CO. 88-2163

Pay to the order of
FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS

\$5762.

DOLLARS

Sam G. Hortell

CUSTOMER'S DRAFT

No. 1256, \$ 5000.

KNICKERBOCKER TRUST CO.
NEW YORK

Feb. 27, 1935

Mr C. E. Lake
FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

Pay to

Dollars

PER *C. E. Lake* BY *J. J. Doyle*